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THE WORLD: WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 27, 1901.

GLOIFIED VISION OF DEAD GIRL APPEARS TO SEVEN AWED MOURNERS

Apparition of Julia Murray, of Yonkers, Visible to Her Friends and Relatives While They Were Watching Near Her Corpse in the Early Morning.

**FORMAL STATEMENT OF
THOSE WHO SAW VISION.**

We, the undersigned, do solemnly declare, that while watching beside the body of Julia Murray at No. 154 Ashburton avenue, Yonkers, on Monday morning, about 4.30 o'clock, an angel-like vision of the departed appeared to us; that we saw it distinctly as though it was a thing of flesh and blood, and our separate testimony convinces us that it could not have been a hallucination.

KATIE KANE.
NORA SMITH.
ROSE KEARNS.
WILLIAM MURRAY.
Mrs. MARY CORBALIS.
ROSIE MCGOWAN.
WINNIE MCGOWAN.
YONKERS, March 27, 1901.

One of the most remarkable phenomena ever recorded happened in Yonkers about 4 o'clock Monday morning. To seven persons who were watching near the body of Julia Murray, a devout member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, opposite her home, a glorified vision of the young girl appeared. It was seen at different times by these persons, who all agree in their testimony as to the appearance of the apparition. The witnesses are sober, industrious and devout persons.

Katie Kane, a cousin, who lives at No. 80 Orange street, Brooklyn; William Murray, a brother, of No. 154 Ashburton avenue, Yonkers; Nora Smith, a carpet weaver, of No. 99 Palisade avenue; Mrs. Mary Corbalis, of No. 154 Ashburton avenue; Rose and Tessie McGowan, of No. 154 Ashburton avenue; Rose Kearns, of No. 58 St. Joseph's avenue, and Mamie Regan, of No. 4 Mulford street.

Following are their stories told to The Evening World.

MRS. CORBALIS'S STORY.

"I Tell It in Fear of God and in Love of the Blessed Virgin."

I saw the vision of poor Julia Murray with light as if it was all after. I got a bottle of holy water from the kitchen and, returning to the room, sprinkled it in the sign of the cross. The light blazed up and was so strong it blinded me and made my eyes water.

There it went before me like two torii, one of red and the other of blue and other colors. It passed into the parlor, paused a moment over the corpse and then passed out through the wall.

I asked the time, and it was 4.30 in the morning. The vision must have lasted five minutes. The lights shone for minutes or more.

It was the most beautiful thing I ever saw, and I shall not forget it as long as I live. It was not imaginary; it was real. There was no drink in the house, we were all awake, and I am a Catholic. I know that I would laugh if any one had told this story to me, but I don't believe in ghosts or visions, but this one was real. I saw it.

WHAT KATE KEARNS SAW.

"Her Hands Were Clasped in Prayer When First I Looked."

Mamie Murray and I were sitting beside the corpse in the parlor when we heard noise in the bedroom. Miss Kane, of Brooklyn, called, "Mamie, come quick; here is Julia!"

"But Mamie wouldn't go. I went. As I reached the open folding doors I saw the vision on the side wall. The other girls were on their knees. They said, 'Rose look at Julia's shadow on the wall.'"



VISION OF DEAD JULIA MURRAY, OF YONKERS.
(Drawn from description of eye-witnesses.)

Mark Mahin

July 2025

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Chinese Research Suggesting the Reality of Clairvoyance and Mind-Over-Matter

Around page 376 of the book [here](#), you get a discussion of Chinese research into "Extraordinary Human Body Function" or EHBF, which was largely research into clairvoyance, telepathy and mind-over-matter.



The CIA document you can read [here](#) (and also [here](#)) is a translation of a Chinese 1984 parapsychology publication, one entitled "Research in Human Paranormal Capabilities." There are some very fascinating parts.

On [page 4](#) we have a claim that a particular person could read Chinese characters with his ears. We read this:

"Today is a very important and very memorable date, it is the anniversary of the first publication in the 'Sichuan Daily' of Tang Yu's paranormal capability to distinguish Chinese characters with his ear. This is a very important event in modern China."

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The parapsychology term used for this ability is "transposition of the senses." The history of psychical research has many well-documented examples, some of which are listed in my series of posts here. On [page 53](#) of the same document, we read about tests done on children to see whether they could recognize the color of cards (and symbols on cards) that were placed in their outer ear. This is a test of one type of transposition of the senses. We read this about the testing procedure:

" Propaganda cards printed in various colors with number four type were cut into cards of two to five characters each to form a sampling pool. They were then folded in half and rolled into cylinders. Then tweezers were used to place these deep in the student's left or right outer ear deep enough that the students could not dig them out with their little fingers. Since the cylinders were springy, they opened up to press themselves to the walls of the ear canal, making them difficult to remove."

I do not recommend that anyone ever try this at home as a test procedure. As my mother would often tell me, "Never stick anything in your ear smaller than your elbow." The only exception is manufactured things specifically designed to be placed in ears, such as earplugs.

On [page 53](#) we read this about the results from a subject:

*"On the morning of the 18th of July, at 8:30, 31 minutes after the test began, eleven year old Han nationality student, XIXY X()X() correctly answered the test card. It was verified that the characters, color, and color of the paper were all correct. After 40 minutes, thirteen year old Tibetan Student Xun Wen (X) also correctly recognized the characters and color of paper in his ear. This was the first occasion of psychic abilities being induced in children in Tibet. **Results of the three day test show that among these subjects of the survey (nine to fifteen years old) the occurrence of ('recognizing characters by ear') was about 40%.**"*

On [page 13 of the same document](#) we read this claim about clairvoyance in two children:

"He reported on the results of psychic testing of two psychic children during last summer vacation and this spring vacation by himself together with Comrades Chen Bao-Liang, Liu Yi-Cheng, Yang Jian-Hua with the cooperation of Comrades Luo Cheng-Lie and Liu Gui-Lin of the Qufu Normal College in Shandong. Contents of the test were the ability to see something on the other side of a wall or in another building and the ability

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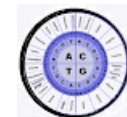
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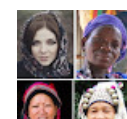
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to make out messages. The procedures of the testing were very strict, the results were positive and repeatable under specific conditions."

A claim like this is too vague to have much of any value as evidence, and I present it merely to contrast it with the next example, which gives us a very precise account of exactly what went on in a test of clairvoyance which seems to have been a stunning success. We read this on [page 22](#):

"In the 'Joint Experiment Report on the Reality of Human Psychic Functions' there were records of tests carried out on 'Z's ability to do 'psychic writing.' The author of this article took part in making up the samples. The test at that time was to take a blank sheet of paper which the tester would sign, roll it up into a tube around a ball point pen, and fold back both ends. This would be placed on the table in front of the person being tested with three people watching at the same time. 'Z' was only allowed to pick up the tube and smell it. Then he had to put it back on the desk. He was not allowed to open the tube. Then 'Z' was given a fountain pen and another blank sheet of paper. After 'Z' had written on the second sheet of paper and stated that he had written the same thing on the piece of paper rolled up around the ball point pen, the observers opened the rolled paper. It was discovered that what 'Z' had written on the second sheet of paper with a fountain pen was also written of the signed sheet of paper in ball point pen. The style of the characters was also very similar. To do further testing to determine if 'Z's psychic writing could break through the barriers of space, this experiment used a sealed envelope. "

There then follows a more explicit discussion of what exactly went on, an account that lists the exact names of the observers, and lists the date and time as 4:30 in the afternoon of January 22, 1983. The test words written down in the rolled up sheet of paper were "How are you? Thank you teacher." The words written by "Z" were exactly the same: "How are you? Thank you teacher."

After this more detailed account of the successful test of clairvoyant abilities, [on page 24](#) we read this:

"The entire experiment lasted less than one hour. None of the observers ever left the area. 'Z', the person being tested, remained seated in his original position while performing the psychic writing. The entire desk was within the observers' field of vision. None of the four observers noticed 'Z' doing anything



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It Seemed Her Suicide Was Not Her End

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suspicious. This was the third time this experiment was carried out. The former two occasions had similar results."

As evidence for clairvoyance, the reported results seem very good. The main deficiency is the failure to report the real name of the person identified as 'Z.' The report has appeared about one year after the observation date. But the report has so many details written so precisely that we can be rather sure it is based on notes of what occurred written at the time.

On [page 27](#) and the following pages we have a report claiming tests showed a "psychic ability" of someone to break into two a needle that had been put in a sealed matchbox. Unfortunately, the account is not explicit enough to qualify as good evidence. We are told that the tested subject could touch the sealed matchbox, but we lack a description of whether there were precautions to prevent the subject from using both of his hands to break the needle.

On [page 54 of the document](#), we read about tests of mind-over-matter. We read this:

"Because of what happened with the above experiment, beginning on the 25th, we change to a 'psychic movement' test, where we placed knotted twine, an open lock, a small bolt with the nut off, or a watch in a cardboard box which we sealed with tape. The children were allowed to attempt to untie the knot on the string, lock the lock, put the nut on the bolt, and set the watch. This was successful. The 11 year old Tibetan girl, Tsering Jwolka, on her first attempt, set the watch ahead one hour and forty seven minutes. On her second attempt she set the watch ahead six hours and twenty minutes. This test was repeated many times and successful each time. This caused quite a stir in Zedang village, and rumors started spreading around."

On [the next page of the document](#) (page 55) we read this astonishing account of child subjects displaying mind-over-matter trying to make changes in objects in a sealed cardboard box, apparently through mind-over-matter, without breaking the seals:

"The first subject was Tsering Jwolka, a twelve year old Tibetan girl. On the first test she successfully set a watch ahead 30 minutes, then she set it backwards 37 minutes. On the second test she closed a lock in six minutes. On the third test she opened the lock in four minutes, on the the fourth test she closed the lock again in two minutes."

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The second subject was Nima, a 13 year old Tibetan girl. On the first test she threaded a nut on a bolt in 30 minutes. On the second test she unknotted a string in ten minutes. On the third test she opened a lock in four minutes.

The third test subject was 11 year Han nationality girl, Liu... On the first test she opened a lock in 39 minutes. In the second test she unscrewed a nut from a bolt in 30 minutes, and in the third test she was unsuccessful in attempting to knot a string.

The fourth subject was 10 year old Han nationality girl, Xu (X). In the first test she was unsuccessful in knotting a string after 30 minutes. In the second test she unknotted a string in three minutes. In the third test she unknotted a string in 27 minutes. In the third test she unknotted a string in 12 minutes.

The fifth subject was ten year old Han nationality girl, Chen (X). her first test she unknotted a string in 12 minutes. In the second test she opened a lock in 22 minutes. In the third test she was unsuccessful in threading a nut on a bolt after 30 minutes. In

The sixth subject was nine year old Han nationality boy, Chen (X). In his first test he unknotted a string in 30 minutes. In his second test he threaded a nut on a bolt in seven minutes. His third test was to be unscrewing the nut from the bolt. This was not attempted.

In all of these tests, the test object was in a cardboard box. The cardboard box was sealed with tape. A special symbol was marked along the edge of the tape."

On [page 66](#) we have a first-hand report which sounds like one of many cases of medical clairvoyance, in which a clairvoyant is able to mysteriously see inside the human body. The reported results are very impressive. The main deficiency from an evidence standpoint is that the narrator is not identified. We read this:

*" 'X-ray vision' is one form of manifestation of the human psychic function. This kind of vision is not really 'X-ray' vision, but is where the psychic uses his eyes to inspect the inner structure of the human body, does a comparison of normal and abnormal, and thus comes up with a diagnosis. Therefore, in this article I will talk a little about what I have learned from experience through many years of diagnosing diseases through 'X-ray vision' into the human body so others may use it for reference. **I am a nurse in a hospital. Thus it is very***

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convenient for me to do diagnosis through 'X-ray vision'. "

The author provides the table below, which indicates a very high success rate.

Chart 1: Results of 133 Cases of "X-Ray Vision"

Maldy	Cases	Correct	Basically Correct	Wrong
Stomach Disorder	33	24	8	1
Heart Disease	12	8	4	
Lung Disease	21	19	2	
Liver/Gall Bladder	16	14	2	
Post Operative	5	5		
Intestinal Tract	8	6	2	
Bone Damage	7	4	2	1
Sex of Fetus	6	5		1
Cerebral Hemorrhage	5	5		
Uterine Tumor	7	7		
Eye Disease	2	2		
Cerebral Hypoplasia	2	2		
Stillborn Fetus	1	1		
Ear Disorders	1	1		
Cerebral Occlusion	2		2	
TOTAL	133	106	24	3
PERCENTAGE		80	18.2	2.2

We read some case accounts by the author in which claims are made of successful diagnosis through clairvoyance. No one who has carefully studied the 19th century reports of clairvoyance (often written by doctors) will be very surprised by this part of the Chinese document. In the 19th century it was very often reported that in a state of hypnosis some clairvoyants would be able to see into the human body, and make many a correct diagnosis about medical problems that the unaided human eye could not see.

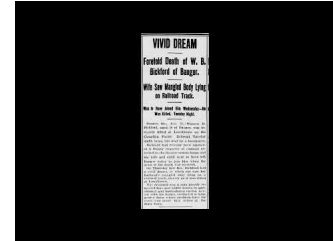
After hearing of such wonders, we should remember why we should not be surprised to hear of mysterious powers of the human mind. The reason is that a human mind is something utterly beyond the understanding of physical science. The most basic powers of the human mind (such as learning, instant recall of relevant information, recognition, imagination, insight and the persistence of memories for decades) are **powers utterly beyond any credible explanation by neuroscientists**, who offer nothing but vacuous jargon-laden hand-waving when asked to explain such powers. No learned information has ever been found in a brain through the microscopic examination of brain tissue. Nothing in a brain bears the slightest resemblance to any system for permanently storing or instantly retrieving learned information. We know the type of things that allow the permanent storage and instant retrieval of information in physical systems: things such as components for writing information, components for reading information, stable and easily navigable writing surfaces, sorting, addresses and indexes. The brain has no such things. No scientist has any credible theory of how any of the very many types of things that humans remember could be encoded as brain states or synapse

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Here is the second in a series of videos I am making about news accounts of ESP, precognition, out-of-body experiences, prophetic dreams ...



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states. Because we lack any credible neural explanation for the basic powers of human minds, there is no credibility in trying to exclude accounts of mysterious powers of minds by saying "a brain could not do that." Almost every human mind does every day many things that brains could never do.

The latest result of an ESP test is the result reported on page 62 of the year 2025 document here. It is a test of 240 participants conducted at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland's largest university), by two professors. The researchers used the long-successful Ganzfeld protocol, which for many years has produced results of around 30% to 32%, well above the result expected by chance (only 25%). The tests were done in a "ganzfeld laboratory" in a "quiet and secure basement room of a university building," in the years 2023 and 2024. We read that "Seventy-two hits were obtained out of 240 sessions, a 30% hit-rate," a success well above the result expected by chance, only 25%.

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Monday, June 30, 2025

More Dreams, Visions or Spooky Events That Seemed to Foretell a Death or Disaster

In the series of posts below, I discussed dreams, visions or mysterious voices that seemed to foretell a death or disaster:

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Let us look at some more cases of this type.

A 1906 news story tells this account:

"FALLS CITY, Neb., Feb. 8.— When Dr. Kerr and his wife had seated themselves at the breakfast table this morning Mrs. Kerr commenced to relate the story of a dream she had in the night. She had dreamed that their house was on fire and was giving a vivid description of the excitement she had undergone and of the damage done to the house. Her story was interrupted by the unceremonious arrival of a neighbor's son who burst into the room, exclaiming that their house was in flames. The house had caught fire from a defective electric light wire.

Considerable damage was done to the house and the contents before the flames were extinguished. The psychic phenomenon presented by Mrs. Kerr's dream is causing much discussion."

You can read the account here:

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=d&d=LAH19060206.2.117.44&srpos=6&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-%22strange+vision%22----->

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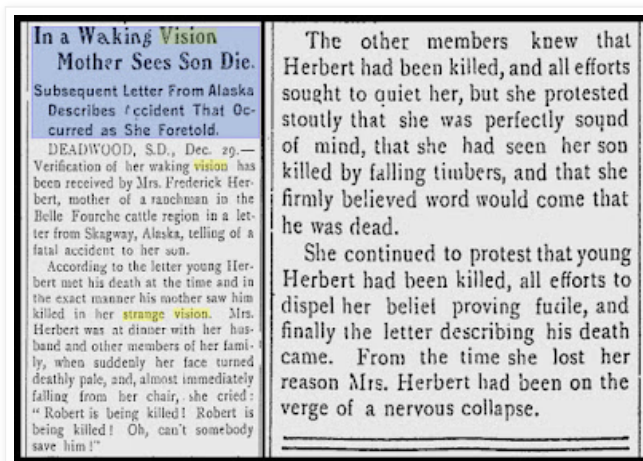
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- [clairvoyance](#) (17)
- [cloning](#) (1)
- [coincidences](#) (3)
- [common ancestry](#) (1)
- [complexity](#) (3)
- [component interdependence](#) (1)
- [computationalism](#) (3)
- [computer simulations](#) (3)
- [conformity](#) (2)
- [consciousness](#) (36)
- [consumption](#) (5)
- [continuous transcendent dependency](#) (1)
- [coronavirus](#) (13)
- [cosmic acceleration](#) (2)
- [cosmic background radiation](#) (4)
- [cosmic destiny](#) (2)
- [cosmic evolution](#) (2)



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026749/1907-11-28/ed-1/seq-1/>

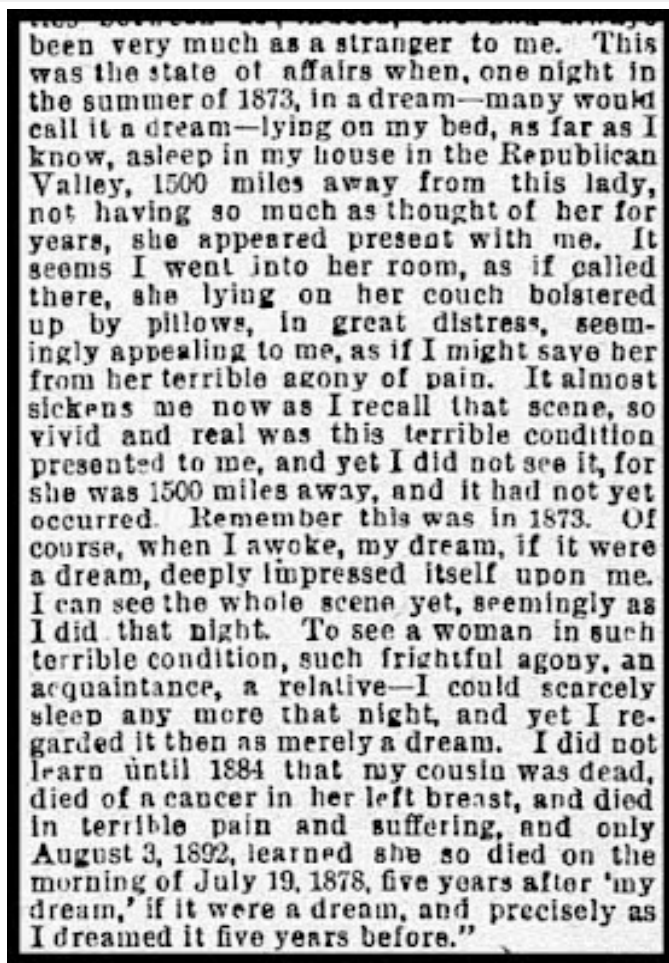
The account below from 1907 is similar to the one above, with a mother having a vision of the death of her son at the time he died, a vision that proves true.



- cosmic fine tuning (56)
- cosmic habitability (5)
- cosmic history (1)
- cosmic inflation (26)
- cosmic layers (1)
- cosmic life-force (1)
- cosmic message (1)
- cosmic mysteries (10)
- cosmic religion (1)
- cosmic structure (3)
- cosmic wonder (1)
- cosmological constant (4)
- cosmological natural selection (4)
- cosmology (95)
- COVID-19 (15)
- cryonics (2)
- crystal gazing (1)
- cyborg (1)
- cyclical universe (5)
- dark energy (8)
- dark genome (1)
- dark matter (27)
- Darwinism (55)
- data dredging (1)
- dating (1)
- de-extinction (1)
- deathbed mist or lights (2)
- deathbed vision (8)
- definition of religion (1)
- definition of science (1)
- dehumanization (2)
- dematerialization (1)
- depression (1)
- developmental biology (8)
- diet (1)
- direct voice phenomenon (1)
- disasters (1)
- disease prevention (1)
- disintegrating asteroid (1)
- DNA (24)
- DNA divergence of humans and chimpanzees (1)
- dogs (1)
- double standards in science (3)
- doubt (1)
- dowsing (1)
- dreams (22)
- drones (1)
- DUNE (1)
- dwarf galaxies (1)

The account above can be read [here](#).

A woman in 1893 told of having a strange vision of the death of her cousin, one that matched the death of that cousin five years later:



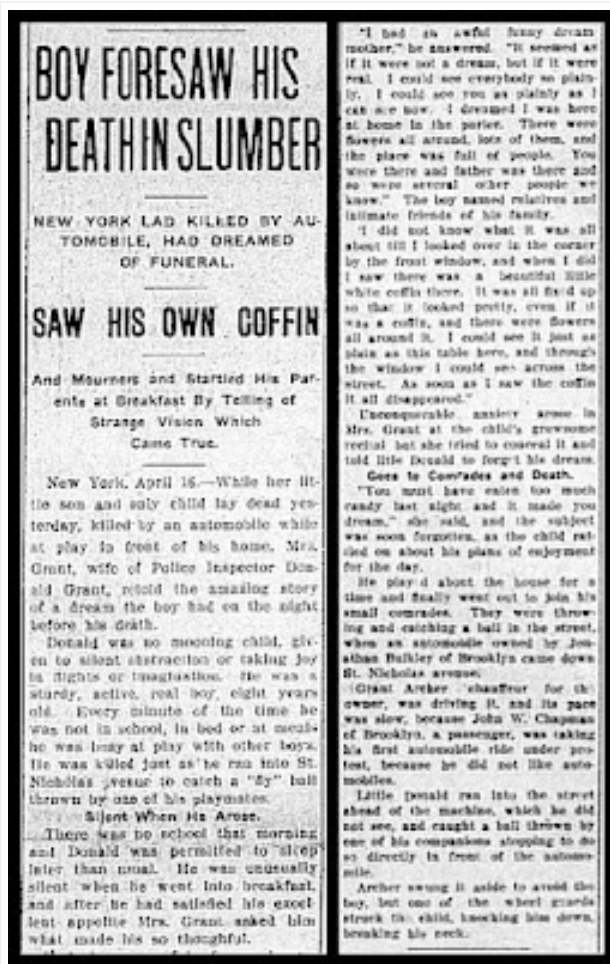
... been very much as a stranger to me. This was the state of affairs when, one night in the summer of 1873, in a dream—many would call it a dream—lying on my bed, as far as I know, asleep in my house in the Republican Valley, 1500 miles away from this lady, not having so much as thought of her for years, she appeared present with me. It seems I went into her room, as if called there, she lying on her couch bolstered up by pillows, in great distress, seemingly appealing to me, as if I might save her from her terrible agony of pain. It almost sickens me now as I recall that scene, so vivid and real was this terrible condition presented to me, and yet I did not see it, for she was 1500 miles away, and it had not yet occurred. Remember this was in 1873. Of course, when I awoke, my dream, if it were a dream, deeply impressed itself upon me. I can see the whole scene yet, seemingly as I did that night. To see a woman in such terrible condition, such frightful agony, an acquaintance, a relative—I could scarcely sleep any more that night, and yet I regarded it then as merely a dream. I did not learn until 1884 that my cousin was dead, died of a cancer in her left breast, and died in terrible pain and suffering, and only August 3, 1892, learned she so died on the morning of July 19, 1878, five years after 'my dream,' if it were a dream, and precisely as I dreamed it five years before."

You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn94052989/1893-01-15/ed-1/seq-16/>

Below is an account of a child who had an unusually vivid dream of his mother and father at a funeral, where there was a "beautiful little white coffin." On the same day he told his mother of the dream, he was killed by an automobile.

- [dwarf galaxy rotation anomaly](#) (1)
- [dystopia](#) (1)
- [early habitability epoch](#) (1)
- [early Universe](#) (2)
- [earthlights](#) (1)
- [easy life hypothesis](#) (3)
- [education](#) (3)
- [elections](#) (1)
- [electromagnetic pulse attack](#) (1)
- [electromagnetism](#) (4)
- [electrons](#) (3)
- [EmDrive](#) (1)
- [emergence](#) (1)
- [EMP](#) (1)
- [end of the world](#) (5)
- [energy crisis](#) (3)
- [energy forecast](#) (1)
- [energy production](#) (2)
- [engrams](#) (12)
- [entropy](#) (3)
- [environmental degradation](#) (5)
- [epigenetics](#) (1)
- [ESP](#) (74)
- [esthetics](#) (1)
- [Ethics](#) (10)
- [Europa](#) (2)
- [evolution](#) (86)
- [evolution poll](#) (1)
- [experts](#) (12)
- [extended evolutionary synthesis](#) (1)
- [extent of Darwinist belief](#) (1)
- [extent of paranormal abilities](#) (1)
- [extent of paranormal beliefs](#) (2)
- [extent of paranormal experience](#) (3)
- [exteriorization of sensibility](#) (1)
- [extrasolar planets](#) (8)
- [extraterrestrial life](#) (58)
- [extraterrestrials](#) (36)
- [faint young sun paradox](#) (3)
- [fast radio bursts](#) (1)
- [fate of the universe](#) (1)
- [Fermi's paradox](#) (8)
- [fine-tuned universe](#) (7)
- [Flynn effect](#) (1)
- [forecasting](#) (1)
- [Fourth Dimension](#) (1)

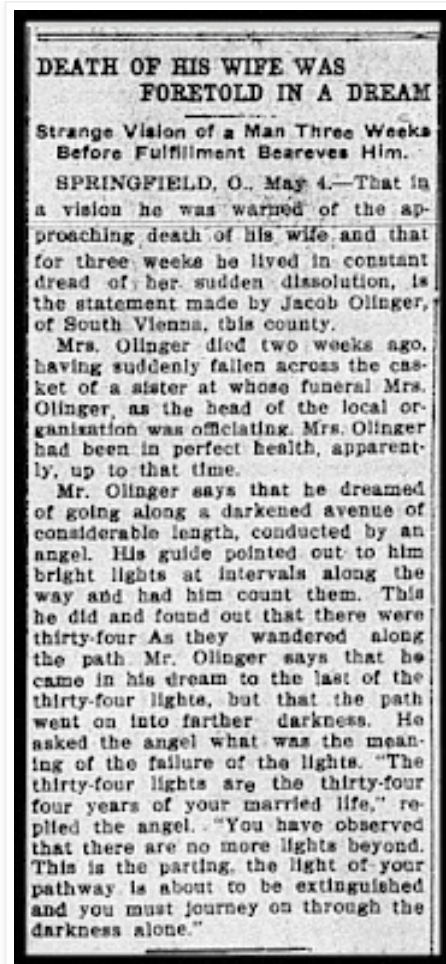


You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn93055779/1907-04-17/ed-1/seq-1/>

In the account below we have a man claiming to have a very explicit dream in which an angel tells him his wife will soon die. The wife did soon die in a freak accident.

- [free will](#) (3)
- [functional threshold](#) (2)
- [fundamental constants](#) (6)
- [fundamental forces](#) (5)
- [funerals](#) (1)
- [future contrasts](#) (2)
- [future entertainment](#) (2)
- [future eras](#) (1)
- [future happiness](#) (2)
- [future movies](#) (1)
- [future of consciousness](#) (2)
- [future of man](#) (19)
- [future problems](#) (4)
- [future risks](#) (2)
- [future technology](#) (11)
- [future weapons](#) (1)
- [futurology](#) (2)
- [galactic empire](#) (1)
- [galaxies](#) (7)
- [galaxy formation](#) (7)
- [galaxy spin anomaly](#) (1)
- [gamma ray bursts](#) (2)
- [gaslighting](#) (1)
- [genes](#) (17)
- [genetic engineering](#) (17)
- [genetics](#) (13)
- [geoengineering](#) (2)
- [ghosts](#) (29)
- [global consciousness project](#) (2)
- [global food supply](#) (5)
- [global organizing activity of a life-force \(GOAL\)](#) (4)
- [global risks](#) (1)
- [global warming](#) (22)
- [GMO](#) (3)
- [God](#) (2)
- [gradualism](#) (2)
- [grand unification theories](#) (1)
- [Great Filter](#) (2)
- [grey goo](#) (1)
- [groupthink](#) (6)
- [habitable zone](#) (1)
- [hallucinogenic drugs](#) (1)
- [happiness](#) (1)
- [heart attack risk](#) (1)
- [heritability of intelligence](#) (1)
- [hierarchy problem](#) (1)
- [Higgs mass](#) (1)
- [higher dimension](#) (1)
- [holographs](#) (1)
- [homeopathy](#) (2)



The newspaper account can be read here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83016689/1911-05-04/ed-1/seq-1/>

The newspaper account below dates from 1911. We have not exactly a vision of foretelling the disaster of a son being sick and without money, but instead a vision in which the father seems to perceive such a state existing thousands of miles away.

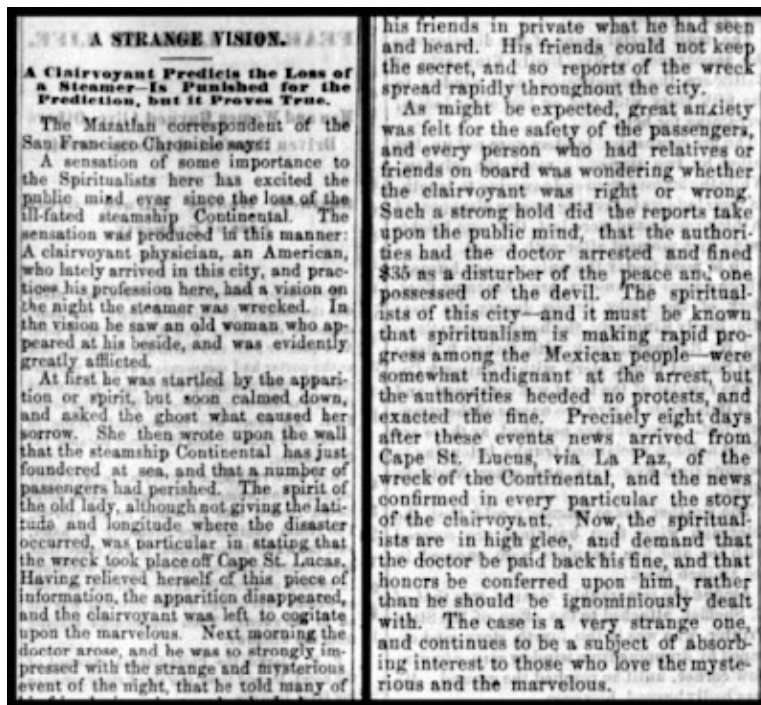
"LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10. — Walter Bulloch is in a local hospital to-day, anxiously awaiting word from his father, a wealthy retired linen merchant in Ireland, following the receipt by Chief of Police Sebastian of a cable from Bulloch senior, in which the father stated that he had a vision of his son, penniless and sick, and requested that the Chief of Police search for the young man. Sebastian had a notice inserted in local papers and young Bulloch saw it and notified the Chief that he was the son of the man whose dream had spanned the ocean separating them. Sebastian cabled the father that his son was ill and without funds here."

You can read the account here:

- [homochirality](#) (2)
- [homosexuality](#) (3)
- [how to test telepathy using family members](#) (1)
- [human body plan](#) (1)
- [human extinction](#) (2)
- [human history](#) (1)
- [human intelligence](#) (4)
- [human knowledge](#) (1)
- [hurricanes](#) (1)
- [hypermnnesia](#) (1)
- [hyperthymesia](#) (2)
- [hypnotic trance](#) (17)
- [idealism](#) (4)
- [ideological regimes](#) (1)
- [immortality](#) (3)
- [inflation theory](#) (6)
- [information](#) (1)
- [integrated information theory](#) (1)
- [intelligent design](#) (2)
- [interplanetary travel](#) (1)
- [interstellar colonization](#) (3)
- [interstellar communication](#) (1)
- [interstellar travel](#) (9)
- [Iraq war](#) (1)
- [K2-18 b](#) (1)
- [Kepler Space Telescope](#) (2)
- [Kepler-78b](#) (1)
- [ketamine](#) (1)
- [Kirlian photography](#) (1)
- [lambda cold dark matter theory](#) (5)
- [language acquisition](#) (2)
- [Large Hadron Collider](#) (2)
- [laws of nature](#) (6)
- [LCDM theory](#) (1)
- [leisure](#) (1)
- [levitation](#) (21)
- [life after death](#) (72)
- [life extension](#) (8)
- [Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment](#) (1)
- [Mad Scientist](#) (1)
- [Many Worlds theory](#) (6)
- [Mars](#) (18)
- [Mars lights](#) (4)
- [Mars strange objects](#) (8)
- [materialism](#) (8)
- [materialism as religion](#) (2)
- [materialization](#) (11)

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=d&d=NWJ19110113.2.76&srpos=4&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-%22strange+vision%22----->

Below we have an account of a clairvoyant vision of a loss of life in some kind of wreck of accident involving the steamship Continental in 1870. The clairvoyant in San Francisco claimed the accident took place many miles away, at Cape St. Lucas (the same as Cabo San Lucas, a location at the tip of the Baja peninsula in Mexico, 1542 miles from San Francisco), with the vision supposedly occurring the same day as the accident. The newspaper account says a matching accident occurred to this ship, in just such a place.



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85033673/1870-12-27/ed-1/seq-1/>

According to the wikipedia.org page [here](#), the following accident occurred to the Continental on September 29, 1870:

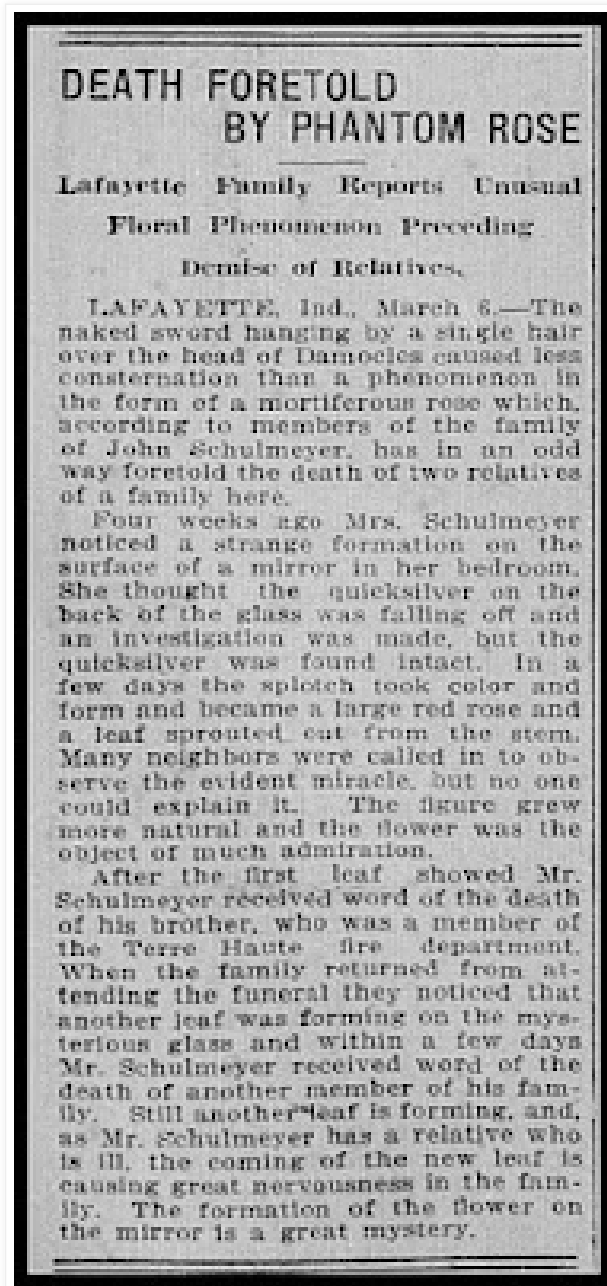
"The steamship foundered 30 nautical miles (56 km) off Cabo San Lucas, Mexico with the loss of eight lives. She was on a voyage from Mazatlán, Mexico to San Francisco, California."

The "Cabo San Lucas" referred to is Cape St. Lucas ("Cabo" means "Cape" in Spanish, and "San" means "St." or "Saint.")

In the account below we hear of a rose that inexplicably begins to arise from a mirror. The appearance of each leaf in the rose

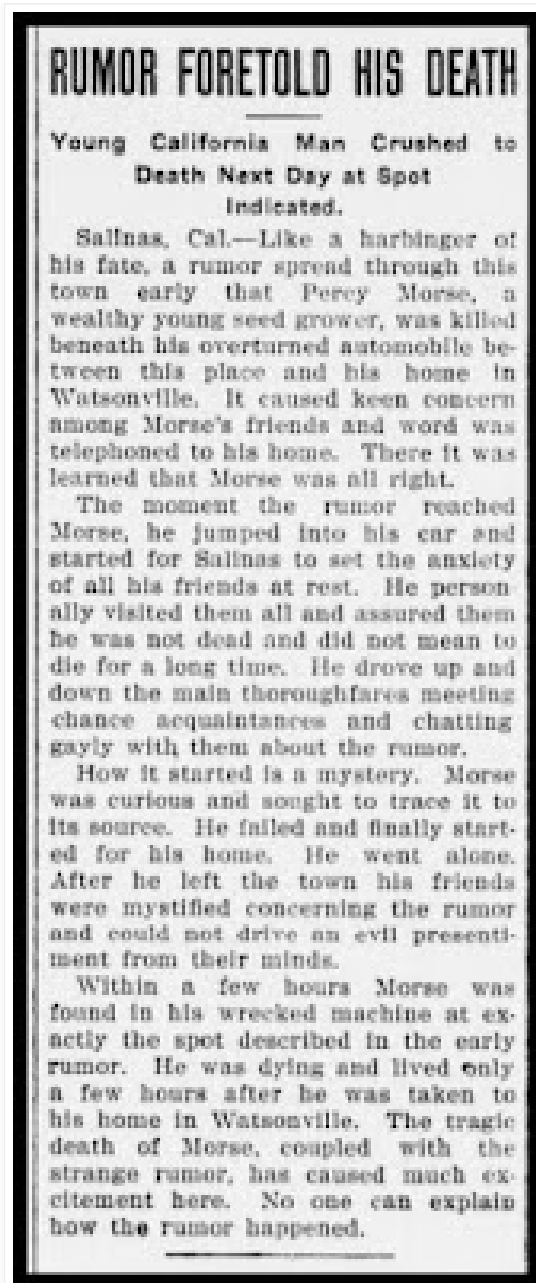
- [mathematical universe hypothesis](#) (1)
- [mathematics](#) (2)
- [matter antimatter asymmetry](#) (1)
- [meat consumption](#) (1)
- [medical care in old age](#) (1)
- [medical technology](#) (2)
- [mediums](#) (33)
- [mega-tsunami](#) (1)
- [memory](#) (44)
- [memory implant](#) (1)
- [memory retrieval](#) (4)
- [memory traces](#) (16)
- [mental differences between animals and humans](#) (1)
- [meta-analysis](#) (1)
- [meteor](#) (1)
- [methodological naturalism](#) (1)
- [Miller-Urey experiment](#) (1)
- [mind](#) (7)
- [mind linking](#) (1)
- [mind over matter](#) (6)
- [mind uploading](#) (5)
- [mind-reading](#) (4)
- [miracles](#) (2)
- [missing heritability problem](#) (1)
- [missing specifications problem](#) (1)
- [misspeaking scientists](#) (1)
- [molecular biology](#) (8)
- [molecular machinery](#) (2)
- [MOND](#) (1)
- [morphic gravitation](#) (1)
- [morphogen gradient](#) (1)
- [morphogenesis](#) (20)
- [multiverse](#) (28)
- [mutations](#) (1)
- [mysterious raps](#) (10)
- [mystery of existence](#) (1)
- [nanotechnology](#) (1)
- [NASA](#) (14)
- [natural history](#) (4)
- [natural history museums](#) (1)
- [natural selection](#) (31)
- [naturalism](#) (2)
- [nature](#) (2)
- [near death experience](#) (31)
- [near-death experience](#) (2)
- [Neptune](#) (1)
- [neuroscience](#) (51)

seems to correspond to the death of a family member.



Below is an incredibly strange newspaper account of rumors arising that a man had died in a car crash. The man drove to his friends to assure him the rumor was false. But on his way back he died in a car crash, just as the rumor had described.

- [neutrino](#) (2)
- [neutron](#) (1)
- [neutron stars](#) (1)
- [Nobel Prize](#) (3)
- [non-local consciousness](#) (1)
- [nonearthly pre-existence of the soul](#) (1)
- [nonneuralism](#) (1)
- [nuclear energy](#) (2)
- [nuclear war](#) (5)
- [nuclear weapons](#) (1)
- [nucleosynthesis](#) (3)
- [observer selection effect](#) (1)
- [ocean acidification](#) (1)
- [oceanic dispersal](#) (1)
- [optogenetics](#) (1)
- [orbs](#) (21)
- [organelles](#) (1)
- [origin of biological complexity](#) (38)
- [origin of elements](#) (2)
- [origin of flying animals](#) (3)
- [origin of genes](#) (2)
- [origin of genetic code](#) (1)
- [origin of language](#) (7)
- [origin of life](#) (51)
- [origin of man](#) (16)
- [origin of Mind](#) (15)
- [origin of multicellular life](#) (2)
- [origin of protein complexes](#) (1)
- [origin of proteins](#) (3)
- [origin of sex](#) (1)
- [origin of sexual reproduction](#) (1)
- [origin of universe](#) (2)
- [out-of-body experience](#) (12)
- [overblown hype](#) (67)
- [overconfidence](#) (9)
- [overconsumption](#) (9)
- [overpopulation](#) (9)
- [overshoot and collapse](#) (1)
- [p-hacking](#) (1)
- [P/2013 R3](#) (1)
- [paleontology](#) (8)
- [pandemic](#) (2)
- [panpsychism](#) (4)
- [panspermia](#) (4)
- [paradoxes](#) (1)
- [parallel universes](#) (3)
- [paranormal healing](#) (2)
- [paranormal phenomena](#) (242)



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lcn/sn87078082/1909-06-25/ed-1/seq-6/>

The account below is found on page 782 of the December 8, 1933 edition of the periodical *Light*, which you can read [here](#):

"A painful impression has been produced in Sordevolo by the sudden death of Signora Cornella Piovano, aged thirty-eight. Signora Piovano dreamed that she had died suddenly, and awakened in great agitation. The next morning, still under the impression of her dream, she recounted it to her family, expressing the conviction that it would be verified. A few hours

- [paranormal writing](#) (1)
- [paraverse](#) (2)
- [pareidolia](#) (2)
- [particle collisions](#) (1)
- [particle physics](#) (15)
- [peak coal](#) (3)
- [peak oil](#) (5)
- [peer review](#) (1)
- [phantom events](#) (1)
- [philosophical zombie](#) (1)
- [philosophy](#) (33)
- [philosophy of mind](#) (20)
- [philosophy of science](#) (3)
- [photography](#) (2)
- [phylogenetics](#) (1)
- [physicalism](#) (2)
- [physics](#) (22)
- [pigs](#) (1)
- [planetoids](#) (1)
- [plant intelligence](#) (1)
- [Platonism](#) (1)
- [polls](#) (1)
- [pollution](#) (4)
- [poltergeist](#) (2)
- [polygamy](#) (1)
- [pork eating](#) (1)
- [post-scarcity economy](#) (1)
- [pre-1975 near-death experience](#) (15)
- [pre-1975 out-of-body experience](#) (1)
- [precognition](#) (26)
- [predictions](#) (4)
- [primordial fluctuations](#) (1)
- [primordial singularity](#) (1)
- [problem of evil](#) (6)
- [prognostication](#) (2)
- [programmed material universe](#) (8)
- [protein complexes](#) (1)
- [protein complexity](#) (3)
- [protein evolution](#) (5)
- [protein folding](#) (9)
- [protein localization](#) (1)
- [protein molecules](#) (7)
- [protein sensitivity](#) (1)
- [psychiatry](#) (1)
- [psychokinesis](#) (8)
- [psychology experiments](#) (1)
- [psychometry](#) (5)
- [pulsars](#) (1)
- [qigong](#) (2)

later the unfortunate woman, while putting her child to bed, was taken suddenly ill and died almost immediately".

The very interesting account below is found on page 171 of the May 29, 1920 edition of the periodical *Light*, which you can read [here](#).



Posted by Mark Mahin at [5:30 A.M.](#) No comments:

Labels: [dreams](#), [ESP](#), [paranormal phenomena](#), [precognition](#)

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Some More Who Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death

What if your whole earthly life is the mere infancy of your soul's existence? Then when you die, it may be like progressing from being a baby to being a toddler.

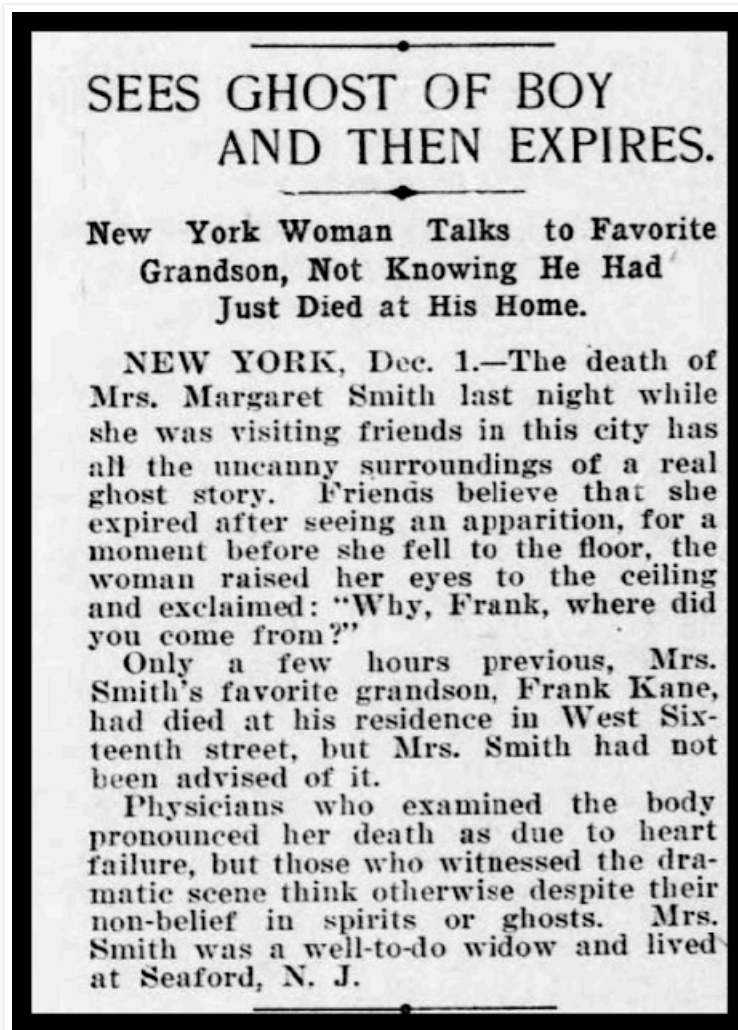
In the series of posts listed below I gave many examples of people who saw an apparition of someone they did not know was dead, only to soon learn that the person had died about the same time the apparition was seen:

- [quantum biology](#) (3)
- [quantum computer universe](#) (1)
- [quantum gravity](#) (1)
- [quantum mechanics](#) (7)
- [quasar polarization vector alignments](#) (1)
- [quasars](#) (1)
- [questionable research practices](#) (3)
- [racism](#) (1)
- [radical abundance](#) (1)
- [random universes](#) (2)
- [randomness](#) (2)
- [receptacle theory of consciousness](#) (3)
- [recolonization of Earth](#) (1)
- [recommended books](#) (15)
- [Reddit](#) (1)
- [reductionism](#) (6)
- [reincarnation](#) (6)
- [rejuvenation](#) (3)
- [remote viewing](#) (7)
- [replication crisis](#) (5)
- [requirements underestimation](#) (6)
- [resource depletion](#) (5)
- [retro cognition](#) (1)
- [RNA world hypothesis](#) (1)
- [robotics](#) (3)
- [robots](#) (14)
- [rogue planet](#) (1)
- [savants](#) (4)
- [scarcity](#) (1)
- [science and ethics](#) (3)
- [science and religion](#) (2)
- [science education](#) (1)
- [science fiction](#) (111)
- [Science fiction stories](#) (127)
- [science fiction story](#) (124)
- [science journalism](#) (22)
- [science textbooks](#) (1)
- [scientific authoritarianism](#) (2)
- [scientific consensus](#) (4)
- [scientific ethics](#) (2)
- [scientific explanation](#) (2)
- [scientific explanations](#) (7)
- [scientific fraud](#) (1)
- [scientific literature](#) (2)
- [scientific process](#) (8)
- [scientific speculation](#) (9)
- [scientific theories](#) (6)

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Let us look at some more cases of this type. Here is an account of someone "ghost-told" of a death, with the interesting twist that the ghost viewer then died:

- [scientific theory](#) (5)
- [scientific thinking](#) (1)
- [scientism](#) (1)
- [scientist flubs and flops \(image series\)](#) (8)
- [scientist misconduct](#) (10)
- [scientist overconfidence](#) (1)
- [scientist recklessness](#) (1)
- [scientist specialization](#) (1)
- [scientist subculture](#) (2)
- [self](#) (1)
- [self-consciousness](#) (2)
- [sensationalism](#) (1)
- [sensitivity of proteins](#) (1)
- [SETI](#) (19)
- [sex](#) (1)
- [sexism](#) (1)
- [shared death experience](#) (2)
- [shopping](#) (1)
- [short radio bursts](#) (1)
- [simulated universe](#) (6)
- [Singularity](#) (8)
- [skepticism](#) (9)
- [slate writing](#) (2)
- [slavery](#) (1)
- [sleepwalking](#) (2)
- [social media](#) (1)
- [social security](#) (1)
- [social trends](#) (1)
- [sociology of science](#) (25)
- [software development](#) (5)
- [solar flares](#) (1)
- [solar system](#) (1)
- [soul](#) (4)
- [space colonization](#) (2)
- [space exploration](#) (3)
- [space station](#) (2)
- [spirit photography](#) (1)
- [spiritism](#) (1)
- [spiritual manifestations](#) (23)
- [spiritualism](#) (19)
- [sports of the future](#) (1)
- [STARGATE program](#) (1)
- [starships](#) (1)
- [stem cells](#) (1)
- [string theory](#) (8)
- [subsidies](#) (1)
- [sun](#) (1)
- [supercomputer](#) (3)
- [superintelligence](#) (7)
- [supermen](#) (2)
- [supernovae](#) (2)



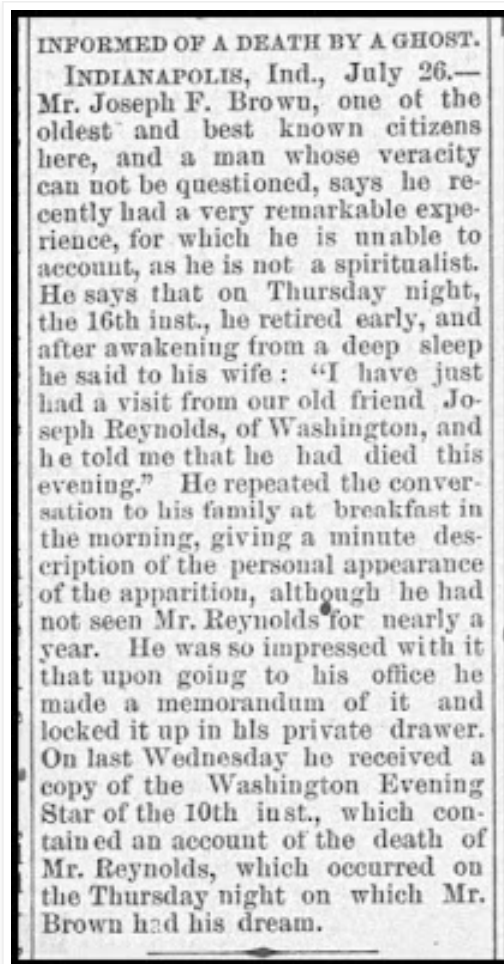
You can read the account here:

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The account below is from the newspaper story here:

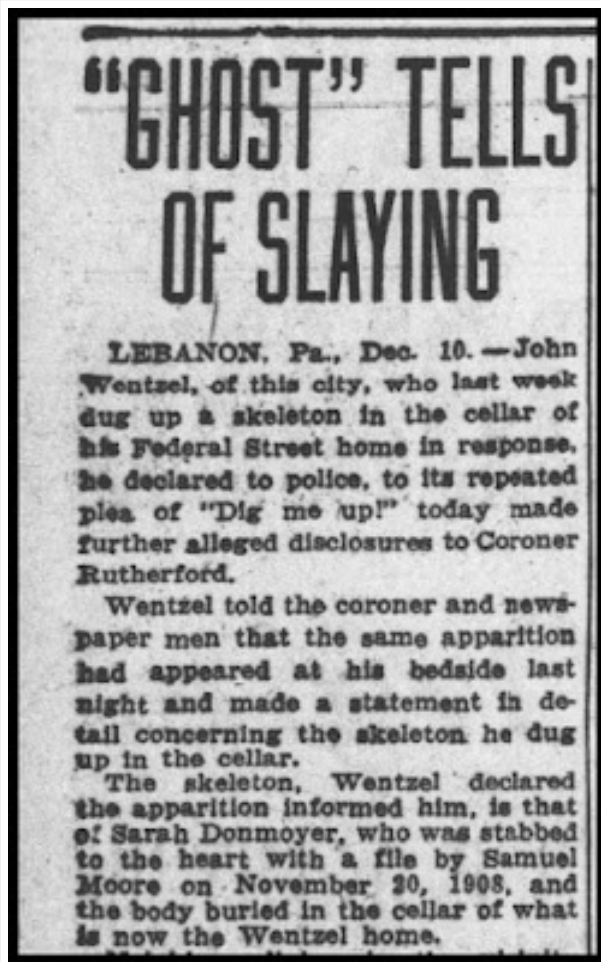
<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88064537/1885-08-22/ed-1/seq-8/>

- [superstition](#) (1)
- [supersymmetry](#) (11)
- [surveillance state](#) (1)
- [synapse theory of memory](#) (7)
- [synchronicity](#) (1)
- [syncing speech in twins](#) (1)
- [table turning](#) (5)
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The account below seems to qualify as a case of being "ghost-told" of a death:



The full newspaper story can be read here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lcn/sn84026749/1926-12-10/ed-1/seq-22/>

The account below was told by Doctor Elliot Coues, a biologist member of the National Academy of Sciences, in a story printed in 1900 in the Washington Post. Although in the same article Coues refers to "death wraiths," which he says appear "a little before or a little after the death of the sender," it is not quite clear whether he knew of the death of the person mentioned below before the apparition was seen.

in the room. The impression conveyed to my mind was that it was the presence of a certain person lately deceased with whom I have been on very intimate terms. In fact, I felt an overpowering sense of the nearness of the individual in question. About the same moment there arose from the floor a nebulous mass of what looked like shining white vapor, which began to take shape, as did the smoke from the casket opened by the fisherman in the Arabian Nights tales. Gradually it assumed a more distinct outline, until it presented a radiant image of my friend. The lips appeared to move and from them came an intelligible utterance—a message, in short, from the departed. I do not care to say what the message was.

“I can assure you that the vision was no dream, and the nature of the message was such as to eliminate, to my own satisfaction, at all events, the theory of hallucination. What then was the shape of shining white vapor?”

The full account can be read below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lcn/sn84026965/1900-02-14/ed-1/seq-2/>

Later in the same article the biologist makes these interesting statements:

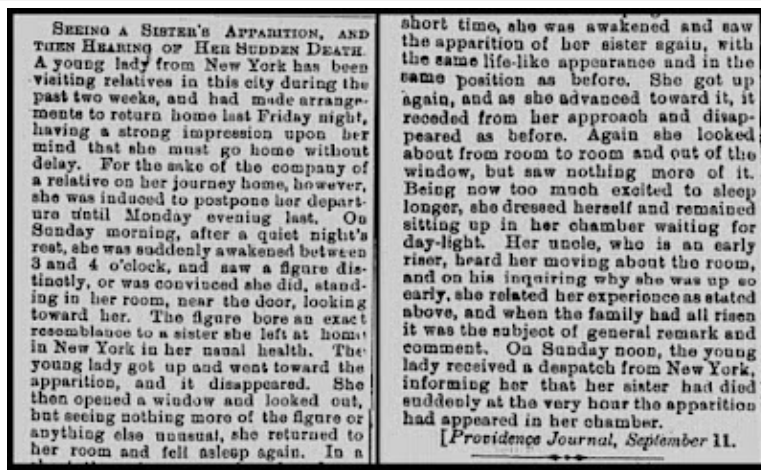
presently returning. I myself have seen phantoms of living persons on more than one occasion, which looked and acted precisely as the individuals themselves might have done. They looked like figures thrown upon a screen by magic lantern usually, being recognized for a few moments, and then disappearing, but in some cases they had every appearance of solidarity, to the extent of hiding objects behind them. I never heard any of them speak, but on two or three occasions they gave intelligible messages by their attitudes and gestures. There is no essential difference between the spectre of a living human being and the apparition of a dead person, so far as appearances go. Each of us, as I have said, carries his own ghost with him, which is ordinarily under the control of the possessor, but sometimes appears to act independently. As a rule, the projection of a phantom by a living person is an involuntary act, resulting ordinarily from great mental perturbation, with the cause of which the individual to whom the spectre appears is in some way connected. The most startling instances of this kind occur a little before or a little after the death of the sender, and such ghosts are known as 'death wraiths.'

The National Academy of Sciences biologist then makes this startling claim:

"One reason that I have for believing the evidence of my own senses in this matter is that on several occasions the apparition of my own personality has presented itself to other persons in places where my body was not at the time. Some years ago I was in Chicago, at an ordinary evening party with about forty friends, when an individual in Washington, who did not even know where I was, was visited by my phantasm, and received from it a brief message stating where I was at the time, and giving the names of two or three of the guests present—persons whom the observer was acquainted. This is one of the rare cases where a ghost made itself audible. The Society for Psychical Research has collected enough carefully attested and fully authenticated instances of such appearances to fill two bulky octavo volumes.

The volumes referred to are Volume One of *Phantasms of the Living*, which can be read online [here](#), and Volume Two of the work which can be read [here](#). A significant fraction of the 700+ cases reported in that two-volume work are cases in which someone reports seeing or hearing an apparition of a particular person they did not know was dead, only to find out later that just such a person had died on about the same day or exactly the same day (and often on the same hour and day).

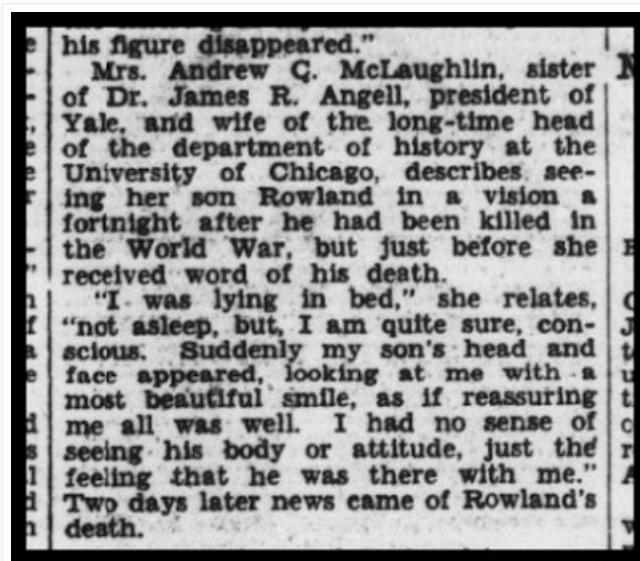
The 1872 newspaper account below appeared with a title of "Seeing a Sister's Apparition and Then Hearing of Her Sudden Death."



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84027008/1872-10-10/ed-1/seq-1/>

Here is yet another case of being "ghost-told" of a death:



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1931-11-15/ed-1/seq-21/>

On page 592 of the document [here](#), we read a Dr. Coleman state the following case of a young boy who saw the apparition of a teacher who had very recently died, a boy who had never been told of the teacher's death:

"The day before the little boy died he and his mother and the nurse were alone together in the room. The child said his

Sunday school teacher was in the room with them, told how she was dressed, etc. At the time this took place the teacher, who had suddenly died, was lying in her casket. The child had not been informed of her death."

The next case in this post does not quite qualify as being "ghost-told of a death" as no one at the time knew that either a ghost had been seen or that a death had occurred. But the case does seem like evidence of an apparition of a person appearing near a relative at about the time of that person's death. The case is found as Case # 242 in Volume I of the famous work *Phantasms of the Living*, and can be read on the page [here](#):

"October 30th, 1885.

(242) In the month of August, 1864, about 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon, I was sitting reading in the verandah of our house in Barbadoes. My black nurse was driving my little girl, about 18 months or so old, in her perambulator in the garden. I got up after some time to go into the house, not having noticed anything at all — when this black woman said to me, ' Missis, who was that gentleman that was talking to you just now ? ' ' There was no one talking to me,' I said. ' Oh, yes, dere was, Missis — a very pale gentleman, very tall, and he talked to you, and you was very rude, for you never answered him.' I repeated there was no one, and got rather cross with the woman, and she begged me to write down the day, for she knew she had seen someone. I did, and in a few days I heard of the death of my brother in Tobago. Now, the curious part is this, that I did not see him, but she — a stranger to him — did ; and she said that he seemed very anxious for me to notice him.

"MAY CLERKE."

On the same page someone else corroborates the tale:

"I well remember that on the day on which Mr. John Beresford, my wife's brother, died in Tobago — after a short illness of which we were not aware — our black nurse declared she saw, at as nearly as possible the time of his death, a gentleman, exactly answering to Mr. Beresford's description, leaning over the back of Mrs. Clerke's easy-chair in the open verandah. The figure was not seen by any one else.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE."

On pages 547 to 559 of Volume XI of the Proceedings of the Society for Psychical Research (1895), which can be read [here](#), we have a most unusual and complex report of being ghost-told of a death. In this case the witness does not report seeing an apparition of someone she knew (as typically occurs), but of someone unknown to her. Reportedly the apparition made a series of predictions that were verified, such as that the witness would learn of the death of a child who was buried in a particular graveyard she would soon visit. The case seems to have been diligently checked out by members of the Society, who found quite a lot of corroborating evidence. But the account is too complex for me to summarize here.




A drawing from an old newspaper [story](#)

The great majority of accounts in this post and the posts mentioned at the top of this post involve cases in which someone reports seeing an earthly apparition of someone he did not know was dead, and then soon learns the person died at about the time the apparition was seen. A very similar type of account I have rarely heard of may have a form such as this:

- (1) Person X may have a near-death experience in which he reports seeing some person who he knew had died, perhaps in some mystical realm. This Person X may also report seeing in such a place a Person Y who he did not know was dead.
- (2) It may then soon be confirmed that this Person Y had died, unknown to Person X when he had this near-death experience.

The quote below from a 2024 [article](#) seems to describe a case of this type, which we might describe as "spirit-told of a death" rather than "ghost-told of a death":

"A young nine-year-old boy named Eddie was seriously ill in a hospital. Recovering from a thirty-six-hour fever, Eddie immediately told those in the hospital room that he had been to heaven, recounting seeing his grandfather, an aunt, and an uncle there. But then his startled and agitated father heard Eddie report that his nineteen-year-old sister Teresa, away at college, was in heaven too, and she told Eddie that he had to return. But the father had just spoken to Teresa two days prior. Checking with the college, the father found out that his daughter had been killed in a car accident the previous day, but that the college could not reach the family at their home, presumably because of Eddie's hospital stay!"

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Sunday, June 15, 2025

Some of the Strangest Deathbed Visions

"Of the various kinds of apparitions, death-bed visions lend themselves the least to telepathic explanation. It appears as if those who passed over were waiting at the gates for their loved one. The dying one is fully conscious of the reason of their coming : sometimes there is an exclamation of surprise at the perception of someone whom the dying did not know to have died (the news having been withheld to prevent a shock), the apparitions always represent the departed, and the vision is shortly followed by death." -- Dr. Nandor Fodor, Light, 9/8/1933, p. 565 ([link](#)).

Below is a newspaper account from 1900 of two deathbed visions, which can be read using the link [here](#), and looking for the "Dying Women" story near the middle of the page. The first account is a typical account of this type, involving a dying person reporting what seems like a glimpse of the Great Beyond. The second account has a "clock stopping" twist that makes it stranger than the average deathbed vision.

"Friends who attended two women in Newark, N. J., one of whom is dead, while the other is on her deathbed, are convinced that they saw through the veil that divides this world from the next.

The city is stirred by reports of these visions 'from beyond,' and can give no better explanation of them than that offered by the

attendant woman who heard the patients describe what they saw and who now say that approaching death sometimes allows a person who is ill to see beyond the pale.

The first case is that of Miss Mattie Oakley, 18 years old, who lived with her aunt, Mrs. M. E. Van Ness, at No. 90 Elizabeth avenue. The girl was a pupil in the Miller High School. She was to have been graduated next Thursday. She was an orphan. Her parents died several years ago.

She fell ill three weeks ago. Dr. B. H. B. Sleight, of Lincoln Park, attended her. Her aunt, Mrs. Van Ness, tells the story of the vision convincingly, for she is herself convinced. She was sitting with the girl last Monday afternoon, she says. They prayed together. She feared that her niece might die at any moment. For a long time the girl lay still, with her eyes fixed upon the ceiling, as if she looked through and beyond it. Then she turned to Mrs. Van Ness and she said she had just seen a beautiful vision.

'I stood in heaven,' she said. Her voice was calm. She seemed to be of normal mind.

'What have you seen?' Mrs. Van Ness asked.

'My father and mother,' the girl replied. 'They spoke to me. Mother told me to be a good girl. Father said, "Come to me."'

Mrs. Van Ness and the girl sang a hymn together. A little later the girl died. Mrs. Van Ness is confident that her niece was rational, and that she saw that of which she spoke.

The other case is that of Mrs. Geo. W. Beatty, of No. 78 Sussex street. She is 62 years old. She was attacked by paralysis about nine months ago. Just before the first stroke, she says, the mother of former Mayor Daniel W. Beatty, of Washington, N. J., her stepson, appeared beside her bed, 'robed in pure gold.' A little later she saw Mrs. John Walters, who has been dead for half a century. Last Sunday night the spirit of her late husband appeared walking beside a beautiful river. She called aloud to him, and then she realized that she was in her room but the spirit was beside her. It lingered for a moment, she said, and then it passed through the door, although the door was closed.

At this time, it is said, the clock in former Mayor Beatty's house stopped. The hour of her vision, her friends say, was identical with that at which the clock stopped."

My post [here](#) gives five other newspaper accounts of clocks mysteriously stopping at the time of someone's death.

Below is an untypical account of a deathbed vision, which can be read [here](#). Instead of the dying person having the vision, a vision reportedly comes to a relative far away, alerting that person of a relative's death. There is also a strange element of a feeling of a cold chill acting as an omen of disaster.



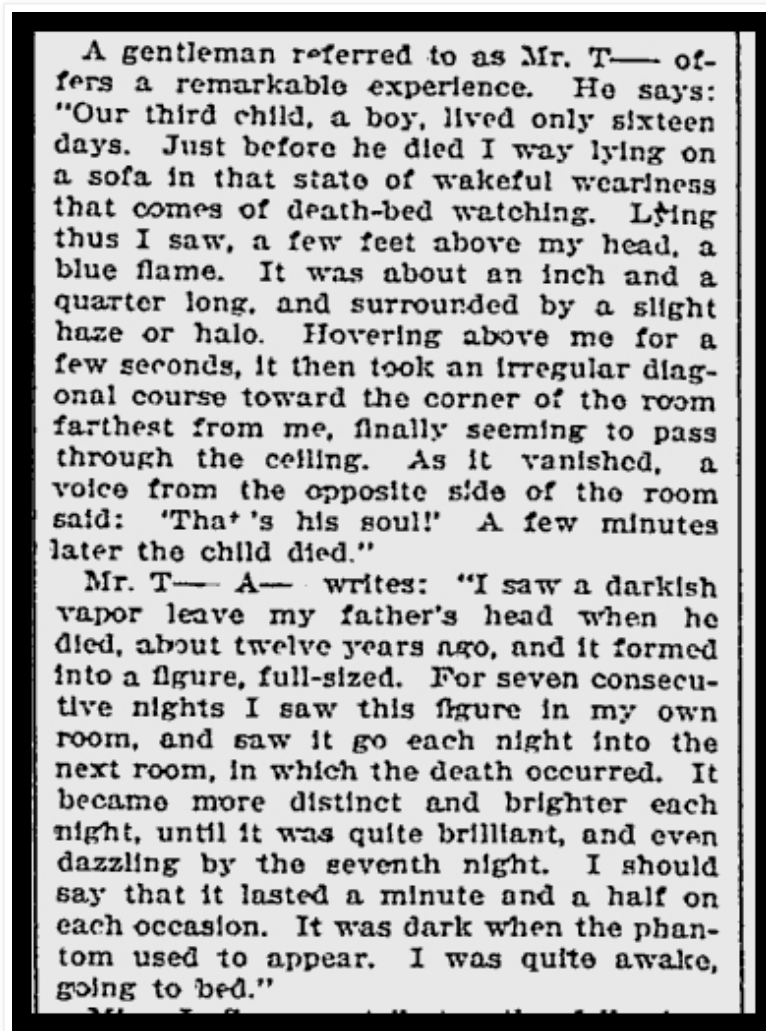
Page 477 of the [October 7, 1911 edition](#) of the periodical Light gives an account of a deathbed vision. It includes an enormously strange element of faces of the deceased appearing on the face of a dying person.

"A well-known business man of New York passed away. His widow is a clear-minded and educated lady, without any morbid or superstitious taint in her nature, or any belief in Spiritualism. While bending over her husband shortly before his death she observed that the expression of his face was changing, and the next moment saw there, instead, the face of her dead brother. The two men were entirely unlike in appearance, one being light and having a blond beard, and the other very dark. Shortly afterwards the lady saw on her husband's face the expression of another deceased friend, and a little later that of a third. Her morbid and overwrought fancy deceived her, someone says. Could two persons be deceived at the same time and in the same way? I ask this because three years ago this lady and her sister watched beside the dying child of the latter. The little girl's face suddenly changed. One of the ladies saw that the other observed this, and said: 'Emily, who was it?' 'Adelaide,' was the answer. 'Yea, Adelaide.' The two ladies told our informant that they saw unmistakably the face of their dead cousin, a woman, shining out through the face of the dying

Below is a very interesting account of a doctor who claimed to have twice seen a soul departing from the body when someone was dying. The doctors claimed that the souls looked like blue smoke.



An [old newspaper account](#) discusses something similar seen by others at a deathbed: one involving a blue flame, and the other a dark vapor leaving the head, forming into a human figure:



Anyone interested in this topic of strange lights or strange mists seen at a deathbed should read my post [here](#), which discusses several other cases of this type.

Partial corroboration of some of the accounts above might be found in the account below, in which the paranormal researcher Hamlin Garland reports seeing a bluish smoky cloud arising from someone's chest, with the cloud forming into a kind of spirit hand:

Almost immediately after the lights were turned out he was seized with a convulsive shiver which shook his whole body; but his hand did not move. Soon a faint, bluish, smokelike cloud developed in front of his chest just below his chin, filling the space between the arms of his chair. Out of this cloud a hand darted, swift as light, and clasped my left wrist firmly but for an instant only. It was a right hand. A moment later this hand came again and ruffled the sleeve of my coat as if to uncover my cuff as a place on which to write a message.

On [the next page](#) Garland reports, "The spectral hand darted out, seized the goblet, lifted it and brought it to the psychic's lips."

Below is one of the strangest deathbed visions ever recorded. You can read the account [here](#). I can summarize for those not wanting to squint to see the text. In the account a woman has a vision of her late father coming to carry away her sick mother. Then the vision ends. Immediately checking on the sick mother, the woman finds that she had died.

STRANGE STORY OF A DEATH WARNING.

In Vision Saw Her Dead Father Carry Away Her Mother— Found Mother Dead.

(Special to the Boston Herald.)

DANBURY, Conn., March 25.—Mrs. Charles W. Lee is dead. Her spiritual vision, made keen by sickness, had enabled her to see the shadow of the dead—those near and dear to her—and she survived the remarkable experience for only four days, when she herself went to the realm of shadows.

In the history of seer experiences and phenomena which baffles the most searching investigations of modern science this case, which has filled with awe all of Danbury and its vicinity, holds the first place.

Mrs. Lee was the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Pettit, of 28 Grove street, Brooklyn, and the wife of a prominent citizen of this place. She had a fine mind and was of an extremely sympathetic temperament.

Then the Change.

Mrs. Lee recently underwent a delicate operation and Mrs. Pettit came from Brooklyn to nurse her. The mother was in perfect health apparently, but worried much over the condition of her daughter. Mrs. Lee, however, began to improve, and on Saturday last was in a very promising condition. Her mother remained up late with her.

Mrs. Pettit retired to her room across the hall, the door of which commanded a view of the sick-room. It was her custom to arise late, and on Sunday morning her son-in-law, as was his usual custom, placed coffee and fruit on the table beside her bed. She was cheerful and asked about the condition of her daughter.

A short time later Mrs. Lee, who lay awake, felt a strange thrill, and as though by some fascination her gaze was drawn to the hallway. She felt that some one was there, but she heard no sound, no footfall. But the presence to her was real. Now she saw it. It was her dead father, as she had known him sixteen years ago.

Her father's face was sad. His hand was bent and he walked slowly. Then he disappeared in her mother's room. The sick woman, her heart scarcely beating, her ears painfully strained to catch the least sound, lay in a death-like stupor and tremored.

She heard the dead speak. Of this she was positive.

"Margaret, come with me!" the voice said.

The reply that came to her ears was less distinct, but the tone of it was one of willingness. There was a brief silence that seemed an eternity to the listening sick woman. Then the door of her mother's room swung slowly open. She saw her father step across the threshold bearing her mother in his arms.

He paused for an instant at the sick room and both of them looked at her tenderly for a brief space. It was a loving look of farewell. Then both figures vanished.

The spell that held Mrs. Lee lasted at least a minute longer. Then her voice came back to her and she cried out to her husband, who was in another part of the house. He ran to her.

Found Her Dead.

"Something has happened to mother," cried Mrs. Lee. "Go to her quickly! Go!"

Mr. Lee ran to Mrs. Pettit's room. She lay in bed as though asleep, a smile on her face. She was quite dead.

When Mrs. Lee was told her mother was dead she said: "I knew it! I knew it!" Then she told of the vision.

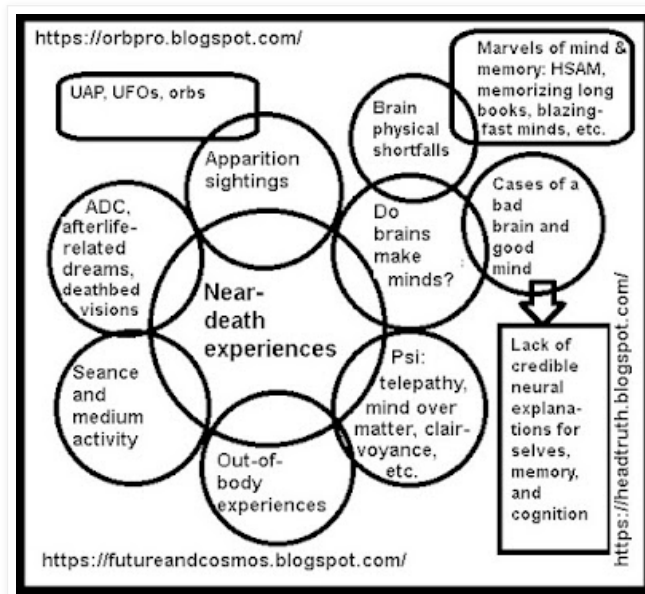
The reaction from the strain made her unconscious, and her condition became worse. She revived and said: "I have looked upon the dead, and I know I will follow them. I am willing to go." She died yesterday with her mother's name on her lips.

The doctors, who know nothing of the strange forces outside of the things they learn in books, said death was due to heart disease brought on by the shock to her nerves.

Use the link here to read six other posts of mine on the topic of deathbed visions (you can read them all by continuing to press Older Posts at the bottom right). In the 2023 scientific paper [here](#) ("A Review of Clinical Signs and Symptoms of Imminent End-of-Life in Individuals With Advanced Illness"), we read this about End-of-Life Dreams and Visions (ELDV's):

"It is estimated that nearly 50-70% of dying people experience ELDVs (Dam, 2016; Mazzarino-Willett, 2010). While ELDVs often occur when death is imminent within days or hours before death, it is often non-specific and may also occur about weeks or months before death (Depner et al., 2020; Kerr et al., 2014; Levy et al., 2020; Nyblom et al., 2022; Santos et al., 2017)."

Below is a diagram showing how deathbed visions fit into a larger framework of related topics:



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Tuesday, June 3, 2025

More Newspaper Accounts of Spiritual Manifestations

Let us look at some newspaper accounts of spiritual manifestations, accounts different from those in my earlier post "Newspaper Accounts of Spiritual Manifestations." Below is a newspaper account of spiritual manifestations from 1867. We read of mysterious rap sounds that seemed to be able to answer questions correctly.

"The people of our neighborhood have been for a week past very much excited by spiritual manifestations in a house at the Springfield Furnace Mine Bank. The inmates of the house are persons of integrity and good standing. An orphan girl, a member of the family, who was the special medium or victim of this phenomenon of spiritual communication, also bears a good character. The rapping always commenced about nine o'clock in the evening, and continued until after midnight. Before appearing each night, the medium experienced a dullness beginning at her feet and extending upwards. Then a low tapping was heard over the floor, like some one walking, growing louder as it approached the girl, ending in loud knocks, like the stroke of a mallet. One moment, it was overhead, then under the floor, on the wall, &c. It would respond by distinct raps to every question. It was asked how long since Mr. Lincoln died, and the number of years was immediately given. So in regard to the lapse of years since Stephen A. Douglas died.

A member of the family becoming vexed at the noise and confusion, remarked, 'I am not afraid of you, my trust is in God,' when there was such a succession of 'thundering knocks' that a portion of the plastering fell from the wall. People came from a distance to investigate the matter, believing it to be collusion or trickery, and went away firmly convinced that it was an intangible, unsubstantial

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spirit, and found that 'there are more things in heaven and earth than were dreamed of in their philosophy.' The rappings continued one week. The girl had several convulsions, after which she sank into a partial trance and the noises were heard no more."

You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85054846/1867-09-12/ed-1/seq-1/>

N. P. Tallmadge served two terms as the US Senator from New York and served as the governor of a US territory. A newspaper account from 1853 has a letter by Tallmadge. Tallmadge describes a seance in which there were communications claiming to be from the then-deceased US senator John Calhoun. He describes movements and levitations of a heavy table, which very many respectable witnesses claimed to see during this period. Tallmadge states this:

"During the above communication of Calhoun, the table moved occasionally, perhaps a foot; first one way and then the other. After the communication closed, we all moved back from the table, from two to four feet—so that no one touched the table. Suddenly the table moved from the position it occupied some three or four feet, rested a few moments, and then moved back to its original position. Then it again moved as far the other way, and returned to the place it started from. One side of the table was then raised, and stood for a few moments at an angle of about thirty-five degrees, and then again rested on the floor as us usual.

The table was a large, heavy, round table, at which ten or a dozen persons might be seated at dinner. During all these movements no person touched the table, nor was any one near it. After seeing it raised in the manner above mentioned. I had the curiosity to test its weight by raising it myself. I accordingly took my seat by it, placed my hands under the leaf, and exerted as much force as I was capable of in that sitting posture, and could not raise it a particle from the floor. I then stood up in the best possible position to exert the greatest force, took hold of the leaf, and still could not

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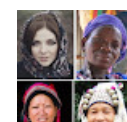
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raise it with all the strength I could apply. I then requested the three ladies to take hold around the table, and try altogether to lift it. We lifted... and did not raise it a particle. We then desisted, fearing we should break the table. I then said, 'Will the spirits permit me to raise the table?' I took hold alone, and raised it without difficulty. After this the following conversation ensued:

'Q,. Can you raise the table entirely from the floor? A. Yes - '

'Q. Will you raise me with it? A. Yes; get me the square table.'

The square table was of cherry, with four legs, a large size tea table. It was brought out and substituted for the round one, the leaves being raised. I took my seat on the centre; the three ladies sat at the sides and arms resting upon it. This, of course, added to the weight to be raised, namely, my own weight of the table. Two legs of the table were then raised about six inches from the floor, and then the other two legs were raised to a level of the first, so that **the whole table was suspended in the air about six inches above the floor.** While thus seated on it, I could feel a gentle vibratory motion as if floating in the atmosphere. After being thus suspended in the air for a few moments, the table ... let down again to the floor....

I was then directed to put the guitar on the drawer. We were all seated as before, with our hands and arms resting on the table. The guitar was touched softly and gently, and gave forth sweet and delicious sounds like the accompaniment to a beautiful and exquisite piece of music. It then played a sort of symphony, in much louder and bolder tones. And as it played these harmonious sounds, becoming soft and sweet, and low, began to recede, and grew fainter and fainter till they died away on the ear in the distance. Then they returned and grew louder and nearer, till they were heard again in full and gushing volume as when they commenced.

I am utterly incapable of giving any adequate idea of the beauty and harmony of this music. I have heard the guitar touched by the most

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It Seemed Her Suicide Was Not Her End

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delicate and scientific hands, and heard from it under such guidance, the most splendid performances. But never did I hear any thing that fastened upon the very soul like these prophetic strains drawn out by an invisible hand from the Spirit World."

The account by Tallmadge has further astonishing details, such as the mysterious production of a line of text, written in handwriting matching Calhoun's. You can read the rest of the account using the link here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88064476/1853-06-11/ed-1/seq-1/>

Accounts like the one above were very commonly given by many distinguished witnesses at this time, as you can read about by reading my posts [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). Accounts like the one above were often the best type of testimony, in the sense that they appeared as newspaper accounts published a small number of days after the claimed observations, accounts signed by multiple named witnesses, often more than four.

The account below appeared in the February 22, 1851 edition of the widely respected anti-slavery newspaper *The Liberator*. We have an account of events on January 22, 1851, which were received by the newspaper with a cover letter dated January 25, 1851, which means the account below must have been written within a few days of the occurrence of the events. The first sentence of the account implies it was written on the same day as the events reported. We read this:

"We, the undersigned, having witnessed, this day, at the house of Mr. Leroy Sunderland, (No. 28 Eliot street, Boston,) the following phenomena, deem it proper, in this way, to make mention of them. When we entered the room, there were some ten persons surrounding a table, conversing with the spirits; and as many more in the room as spectators, watching the movements of the others. Mrs. M. Cooper was the medium. There were constant and frequent rappings upon the table, and responses to various and ingenious test questions, all of which were admitted to be answered correctly; and the company expressed themselves as being satisfied with the answers given. We saw no motion of the medium which would indicate that she had, personally, any thing to do with the responses given ; and we think she could

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- [The Evidence for Out-of-Body Experiences](#)
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not have had. The rappings were made on the table, without exception.

After this circle had retired, we, the undersigned, surrounded the same table, when the following occurrences were observed:—

1. In answer to the question, ‘If any of our guardian spirits were present?’ loud and prompt responses were heard

upon the table, the vibrations of which were distinctly felt by our hands ; and we are positive that Mrs. Cooper did not touch the table at all.

2. We then asked the spirits if they would give us some physical manifestations, and we were promptly answered by raps in the affirmative. The table was then immediately moved in various directions, from one to two feet; and, at our request, was, quite a number of times, turned over into the laps of those surrounding it. In two instances, it was raised entirely from off the floor, and we are positive that no human instrumentality was employed in producing these results.

For the purpose of varying the experiment, we all took hold of the top of the table, holding it clear of the floor in our hands, when it was violently shaken, while yet so suspended, as if its standard had been seized by strong hands, and it apparently varied in weight from twenty to two hundred pounds.

3. Among the test questions proposed and satisfactorily answered,

was one by G. F. Farley, Esq., of Groton, Mass , substantially as follows: — ‘What relation is this spirit to me?’

Ans. ‘Your brother.’

‘What was your given name?’

Ans. ‘Perez’ which was spelled out promptly by the alphabet. Mr. Farley then stated, to the astonishment of the company, that this was his brother’s name, and that he died some fifty years ago—facts unknown to any other person present.

[Mr. Farley himself may be referred to for the truth of what is here stated.]

In the evening of the same day, we met again, with an addition to our circle. [Mr. Farley, of Groton, and G. A. Somerby, of Wayland, were present at both sittings,] and in the evening, Mr. George E. Haskell, Dr. Z. Rogers, Moses Babcock, and Dr. L.

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B. Larkin, of Wrentham, were also present. The circle was formed in Mr. Sunderland's back parlor, as before, when the following, among other phenomena, were produced. On holding each other's hands, so that no hand was at liberty in the room, a centre table, around which we were sitting, was raised up from the floor five times, and let down with considerable force, so as to shake the floor. Once or twice, the raps were made, not on the table, but with it, the table being used by the spirits, as we were assured, to rap with, on the floor. Five times the table was upset and turned over, so that it fell sideways upon the floor, with violence....

We can only say, that we have been profoundly impressed with the conviction that no human agency whatever was used in the production of the phenomena we have described.

Signed, Boston, Jan. 22, 1851.

C. P. Kibbee, M. D., Springfield, Mass.

Rufus Elmer,

Nelson L. Elmer,

Theodore M. Smith, Boston,

George E. Haskell,

Z. Rogers, Charlestown,

Moses Babcock"

You can read the full account using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84031524/1851-02-28/ed-1/seq-4/>

An 1876 [newspaper article](#) notes the death of the medium Daniel Dunglas Home. Below is a quote from the article (I'll correct the misspelling of Home's middle name):

"The death of Daniel Dunglas Home, as reported by cable dispatch from Paris, recently, terminates the career of the most famous Spiritualist and medium of modern times. The New York World affects to doubt his departure from this life, as if only the half of what has been told of Mr. Home is true. To suppose him dead merely because he happened to leave his corpse would be as absurd as to suppose so because he happened to leave his great-coat or his umbrella behind him.

He was born in Scotland, and came to this country when a mere child. He made his first conspicuous successes in Springfield and in Boston between the years 1851 and 1853. In this city he was hailed as a prophet by numbers of highly-educated persons, but finally in 1855 he went to Europe. In London he was warmly

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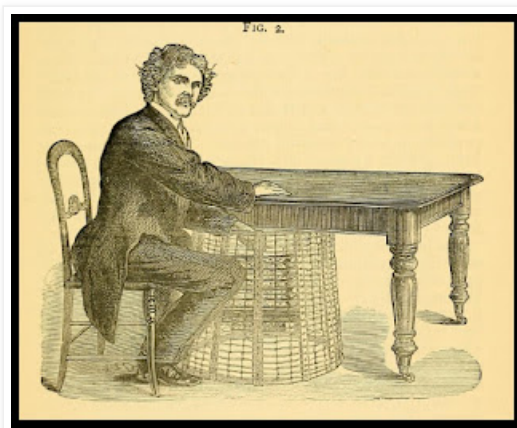
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welcomed by several coteries of the aristocracy, and he made a very strong impression upon the mind of Queen Victoria herself. The Duchess of Sutherland was one of his most open proselytes and believers. In Paris he was made for a time 'the rage' by the undisguised interest which the Emperor Napoleon took in him and in his alleged miracles. He was frequently summoned to the Tuileries, and he gradually acquired a very considerable influence with the Emperor.

He married a Russian lady of noble birth in 1856. She died in 1862, and Mr. Home married a Russian princess. He was a particular favorite at the court of the Czar, and claimed in private to have converted the Czar to spiritualism. **The many strange tales of spiritual phenomena contain nothing to rival the demonstrations of Mr. Home. Besides the ordinary phenomena of rapping, table tipping, writing and playing upon musical instruments, they include in his case visions seen by the medium, appearances of hands, arms and spirit forms seen by other persons, 'levitation' or the preternatural uplifting of the medium, elongation and shortening of his body by several inches, and his handling of fire and heated objects without hurt. It has been again and again affirmed of Mr. Home by witnesses of unimpeached character that they have seen him plunge his hands with impunity into a blazing coal fire, seat himself upon heavy mahogany dinner-tables and rise with them several feet into the air, and after floating horizontally head foremost out of the window at a height of many yards from the ground, sail tranquilly around a castle tower and come in again unharmed at the other side."**



Home being tested by a leading scientist (in tests described [here](#))

Such was the fame of Daniel Dunglas Home in 1874 that when Scientific American on January 31, 1874 published a summary of the investigations of the eminent scientist William Crookes

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- [astroengineering](#) (3)
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- [atheism](#) (3)
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- [biconsciousness](#) (1)
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regarding Home, Scientific American merely referred to "the medium Home," without giving his first name, as if it thought everyone knew his first name. At the time Scientific American was more of a newspaper than a magazine. The first part of the summary is below:

A correspondent of the New York *Tribune* says that, in classifying the various phenomena that have presented themselves to him in the course of his enquiries, Mr. Crookes refers, first, to the movement of heavy bodies, with contact but without mechanical exertion. This he states to be one of the simplest forms of the phenomena observed, varying in degrees from a quivering or vibration of the room and its contents to the actual rising into the air of a heavy body when the hands of the medium are placed upon it. These movements, and indeed most of the phenomena, are preceded by a peculiar cold air, sometimes amounting to a decided wind, sufficient to blow a sheet of paper about the room and to cause a lowering of the thermometer by several degrees. The second class manifested themselves as percussive and other allied sounds; sometimes as delicate ticks; sometimes a cascade of sharp sounds, as from an induction coil in full work; detonations in the air, sounds like scratching, twittering as of a bird, etc. The third class of phenomena consists in the alteration of the weight of bodies. The fourth class, namely, the movement of heavy substances when at a distance from the medium, he has seen in many instances. An empty arm chair, at his request, moved to where he was sitting, and then slowly back again, a distance of about three feet. He has seen the movement of a heavy table, and chairs turned with their backs to the table, about a foot and a half off, each occupant kneeling on his chair, with hands resting on the back, but not touching the table. The fifth class is that of the raising of tables and chairs off the ground, without contact with any person.

Most of the second part of the summary is below:

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- [body double](#) (1)
- [body enhancements](#) (2)
- [body transplants](#) (2)
- [Boltzmann brain](#) (2)
- [books by Mark Mahin](#) (4)
- [boondoggle](#) (5)
- [bouncing universe](#) (1)
- [brain](#) (46)
- [brain experiments](#) (2)
- [brain imaging](#) (3)
- [brain paradoxes](#) (4)
- [brain replacement](#) (2)
- [brain research](#) (7)
- [brain scanning](#) (3)
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- [Brane cosmology](#) (1)
- [c-value paradox](#) (1)
- [Cambrian Explosion](#) (5)
- [candid quotes of scientists](#) (1)
- [car culture](#) (1)
- [cell division](#) (1)
- [cell reproduction](#) (1)
- [cell types](#) (2)
- [cells](#) (7)
- [certainty](#) (1)
- [channeling](#) (1)
- [chatbots](#) (2)
- [ChatGPT](#) (1)
- [China](#) (2)
- [Christmas](#) (1)
- [cinema technology](#) (1)
- [clairvoyance](#) (17)
- [cloning](#) (1)
- [coincidences](#) (3)
- [common ancestry](#) (1)
- [complexity](#) (3)
- [component interdependence](#) (1)
- [computationalism](#) (3)
- [computer simulations](#) (3)
- [conformity](#) (2)
- [consciousness](#) (36)
- [consumption](#) (5)
- [continuous transcendent dependency](#) (1)
- [coronavirus](#) (13)
- [cosmic acceleration](#) (2)
- [cosmic background radiation](#) (4)
- [cosmic destiny](#) (2)

The sixth class is that of the levitation of human beings, which has occurred in four instances in his presence. He has seen Mr. Home raised completely from the floor of his room in several instances. The accumulated testimony, establishing Mr. Home's levitations, Mr. Crookes considers overwhelming; and he thinks it greatly to be desired that some person, whose evidence will be accepted as conclusive by the scientific world, shall seriously and patiently examine these alleged facts. The seventh class of phenomena consists in the moving of various small articles without contact with any person, which he has very frequently observed, and where there could be no suspicion of trickery. He thinks that when he is in his own dining room, seated in one part of the room, with a number of persons keenly watching the medium, the latter could not, by any trickery, make an accordion play in his (Mr. Crookes') own hands, when the keys are held downward, or cause the same accordion to float about the room, playing all the time. He thinks it impossible to introduce machinery which shall wave window curtains; pull up Venetian blinds eight feet off; tie a knot in a handkerchief and place it in a remote corner of the room; sound notes on a distant piano; cause a card plate to float about the room; raise a water bottle and tumbler from the table; make a coral necklace rise on end; move about a fan so as to fan the company, or set in motion a pendulum when enclosed in a glass case firmly cemented to the wall. The eighth class is that of luminous appearances. He has seen a solid self-luminous body, of the size and nearly the shape of a turkey's egg, float noiselessly about the room, being visible for more than ten minutes, and striking the table three times, with a sound like that of a hard solid body, before fading away. He has seen a self-luminous crystalline body placed in his hand by a hand which did not belong to any person in the room, and a luminous cloud floating upward to a picture. In the daylight he has seen a luminous cloud

The third part of the summary is below:

- [cosmic evolution](#) (2)
- [cosmic fine tuning](#) (56)
- [cosmic habitability](#) (5)
- [cosmic history](#) (1)
- [cosmic inflation](#) (26)
- [cosmic layers](#) (1)
- [cosmic life-force](#) (1)
- [cosmic message](#) (1)
- [cosmic mysteries](#) (10)
- [cosmic religion](#) (1)
- [cosmic structure](#) (3)
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- [cosmological constant](#) (4)
- [cosmological natural selection](#) (4)
- [cosmology](#) (95)
- [COVID-19](#) (15)
- [cryonics](#) (2)
- [crystal gazing](#) (1)
- [cyborg](#) (1)
- [cyclical universe](#) (5)
- [dark energy](#) (8)
- [dark genome](#) (1)
- [dark matter](#) (27)
- [Darwinism](#) (55)
- [data dredging](#) (1)
- [dating](#) (1)
- [de-extinction](#) (1)
- [deathbed mist or lights](#) (2)
- [deathbed vision](#) (8)
- [definition of religion](#) (1)
- [definition of science](#) (1)
- [dehumanization](#) (2)
- [dematerialization](#) (1)
- [depression](#) (1)
- [developmental biology](#) (8)
- [diet](#) (1)
- [direct voice phenomenon](#) (1)
- [disasters](#) (1)
- [disease prevention](#) (1)
- [disintegrating asteroid](#) (1)
- [DNA](#) (24)
- [DNA divergence of humans and chimpanzees](#) (1)
- [dogs](#) (1)
- [double standards in science](#) (3)
- [doubt](#) (1)
- [dowsing](#) (1)
- [dreams](#) (22)
- [drones](#) (1)
- [DUNE](#) (1)

The ninth class consists of the appearance of hands, either self-luminous or visible by ordinary light. In one case a small hand rose up from an opening in the dining table and gave him a flower. The hands and fingers do not always appear solid and life-like, sometimes indeed seeming like a nebulous cloud, partly condensed in the form of a hand. He has more than once seen first an object move, then a luminous cloud appear to form about it, and lastly, the cloud condense into shape and become a perfectly formed hand. At this stage it was visible to all present. Sometimes it was life-like and graceful, the fingers moving and the flesh apparently as human as that of any person in the room. At the arm or wrist it became hazy, and passed off into a luminous cloud. To the touch the hand appeared sometimes icy cold and dead, at others warm, grasping his own with the firm pressure of an old friend. In one instance he retained one of these hands in his own, firmly resolved not to let it escape. There was no struggle, no effort to get loose, but it gradually seemed to resolve itself into vapor, and faded in that manner from his grasp. The tenth class comprised direct writing, exhibited sometimes in darkness, sometimes in light, sometimes without any apparent agency, at others through the medium of a hand. The eleventh class embraces the rarest phenomena, namely, those of phantom forms and faces, which he witnessed in a few instances only. The twelfth class covers phenomena that seem to point to the agency of an exterior intelligence, other than that of the medium or some person in the room. Although the hypothesis has been suggested that the medium is the source of this intelligence, by those who think they see in this an explanation of many of the facts, yet Mr. Crookes has reason to believe that, in certain instances at least, they result from the agency of an outside intelligence not belonging to any human being present.

The items above are all a summary of the book of William Crookes that can be read [here](#), where you can read the details in nice clear type. Crookes (discoverer of the element thallium) said he detected no trickery from Home, who he had subjected to very careful tests. By the 20th century a publication such as Scientific American always showed a complete amnesia about such observations. Its writers never mentioned a word about such matters. It became a taboo to ever mention that one of the leading scientists of the 19th century (William Crookes) had reported observing such wonders as levitation and the appearance of luminous spirit hands floating about.

Posted by Mark Mahin at 5:00 AM No comments: 

Labels: [levitation](#), paranormal phenomena, spiritual manifestations, [spiritualism](#), table turning

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Rating the Reliability of Reports of Unexpected Paranormal Phenomena

It is very common for humans to report seeing or hearing something that seems to be paranormal. But reports of such

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- [early Universe](#) (2)
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- [easy life hypothesis](#) (3)
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- [elections](#) (1)
- [electromagnetic pulse attack](#) (1)
- [electromagnetism](#) (4)
- [electrons](#) (3)
- [EmDrive](#) (1)
- [emergence](#) (1)
- [EMP](#) (1)
- [end of the world](#) (5)
- [energy crisis](#) (3)
- [energy forecast](#) (1)
- [energy production](#) (2)
- [engrams](#) (12)
- [entropy](#) (3)
- [environmental degradation](#) (5)
- [epigenetics](#) (1)
- [ESP](#) (74)
- [esthetics](#) (1)
- [Ethics](#) (10)
- [Europa](#) (2)
- [evolution](#) (86)
- [evolution poll](#) (1)
- [experts](#) (12)
- [extended evolutionary synthesis](#) (1)
- [extent of Darwinist belief](#) (1)
- [extent of paranormal abilities](#) (1)
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- [exteriorization of sensibility](#) (1)
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- [faint young sun paradox](#) (3)
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- [fine-tuned universe](#) (7)
- [Flynn effect](#) (1)
- [forecasting](#) (1)

observations vary in quality. How can you judge the quality of a report? Below is an informal system in which an observation report is assigned a number of stars that can vary between 0 and 6. A six-star observation report is one that has the most weight as evidence.

Add 1 star if we have first-hand testimony or testimony exactly quoting what a witness saw

People can make mistakes when reporting what someone else saw. They may misinterpret or poorly remember what someone said. It's much better to have a first-person account spoken or written by the person who claimed to have seen something. One of the lowest quality reports of the paranormal we can imagine is someone saying something like, "Long ago my friend said that she saw something she thought was a ghost," without giving an exact quotation. Similarly, a newspaper report saying "Mrs. Wilson says she saw a UFO" is offering a bit of evidence inferior to an exact quotation from Mrs. Wilson about what she saw.

Add 1 star if we have a named and reliable witness

You often read online and in books or magazines reports of unnamed single witnesses claiming to see amazing things. Such reports tend to have less value as evidence than reports coming from named witnesses. The reason is partially that an unnamed witness may feel that he is free to lie without any consequences. So, for example, if I read a stunning UFO story told by someone with an anonymous user name such as metssuperfan, it has relatively little weight as evidence. It also has lesser weight as evidence when a writer tells us that Mr. B. saw such and such a thing, without listing a full name. It also has little weight when a named witness with a record of lying reports seeing something. But it has much more weight if a named and reliable witness reports seeing something.

Add 1 star if a written dated eyewitness report was made very soon after the observation occurred, with the report being quoted, or the account being such a report

The longer a gap has passed between an observation and someone's recollection of the observation, the greater the chance that the recollection may be inaccurate. So your mother's story about a ghost she says she saw twenty years ago does not have nearly as much evidence weight as your mother's written account of what she saw on that night, written on the same night as the observation. Credibility is increased when we have someone's report of what that person saw when an observation was fresh in his memory.

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- [geoengineering](#) (2)
- [ghosts](#) (29)
- [global consciousness project](#) (2)
- [global food supply](#) (5)
- [global organizing activity of a life-force \(GOAL\)](#) (4)
- [global risks](#) (1)
- [global warming](#) (22)
- [GMO](#) (3)
- [God](#) (2)
- [gradualism](#) (2)
- [grand unification theories](#) (1)
- [Great Filter](#) (2)
- [grey goo](#) (1)
- [groupthink](#) (6)
- [habitable zone](#) (1)
- [hallucinogenic drugs](#) (1)
- [happiness](#) (1)
- [heart attack risk](#) (1)
- [heritability of intelligence](#) (1)
- [hierarchy problem](#) (1)
- [Higgs mass](#) (1)
- [higher dimension](#) (1)
- [holographs](#) (1)

Add 1 star if the observation report was published very soon after the observation occurred

Dated written reports are a good thing to have, but it is even better if such reports are published soon after the claimed observation. Such a thing helps to prove that the claim of an observation was made very soon after the claimed observation date. If someone has a written dated page saying that he saw the ghost of his mother, with the date being two days after his mother's death, that suggests (but does not prove) that such a claim of seeing a ghost occurred at the reported date. There is no proof because the person could have written the report at a much later time, and put an earlier date on the report. But if the report is published soon after the claimed observation, then we have proof that the observation claim did occur by a particular date. The publication of a report also lends credibility by putting the witness "on public record" of having seen a particular thing.

Add 1 star if the observation report was made by multiple witnesses who agree with each other

It is rather obvious that the more witnesses we have of something occurring, the more credible is the observation report.

Add 1 star if the observation report is backed up by physical evidence such as a photo or video

The fact that people are sentenced to prison very frequently based solely on eyewitness testimony shows that physical evidence is not a necessity for a credible observational report. But when physical evidence such as a photo or video exists, it provides additional strength to the credibility of an observational report.

Let's give some examples of using this system:

Example #1: Reddit user georgiaguy23 says he remembers his mother Ida long ago saying that she saw a UFO. Rating: 0 stars.

Example #1: Joe Smithson says he remembers his mother Ida long ago saying that she saw a UFO. Rating: 1 star, but only if Ida is a trustworthy person. If Ida is a shady character, the rating is 0 stars.

Example #2: Joe Smithson quotes a letter written by his mother Ida on June 8, 2023, saying she saw a ghost about twenty years ago. 1978. Rating: 2 stars, if Ida is a trustworthy person.

Example #3: Joe Smithson quotes a letter written by his mother Ida on June 9, 1993, saying she saw a ghost on June 8,

- [homeopathy](#) (2)
- [homochirality](#) (2)
- [homosexuality](#) (3)
- [how to test telepathy using family members](#) (1)
- [human body plan](#) (1)
- [human extinction](#) (2)
- [human history](#) (1)
- [human intelligence](#) (4)
- [human knowledge](#) (1)
- [hurricanes](#) (1)
- [hypermnnesia](#) (1)
- [hyperthymesia](#) (2)
- [hypnotic trance](#) (17)
- [idealism](#) (4)
- [ideological regimes](#) (1)
- [immortality](#) (3)
- [inflation theory](#) (6)
- [information](#) (1)
- [integrated information theory](#) (1)
- [intelligent design](#) (2)
- [interplanetary travel](#) (1)
- [interstellar colonization](#) (3)
- [interstellar communication](#) (1)
- [interstellar travel](#) (9)
- [Iraq war](#) (1)
- [K2-18 b](#) (1)
- [Kepler Space Telescope](#) (2)
- [Kepler-78b](#) (1)
- [ketamine](#) (1)
- [Kirlian photography](#) (1)
- [lambda cold dark matter theory](#) (5)
- [language acquisition](#) (2)
- [Large Hadron Collider](#) (2)
- [laws of nature](#) (6)
- [LCDM theory](#) (1)
- [leisure](#) (1)
- [levitation](#) (21)
- [life after death](#) (72)
- [life extension](#) (8)
- [Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment](#) (1)
- [Mad Scientist](#) (1)
- [Many Worlds theory](#) (6)
- [Mars](#) (18)
- [Mars lights](#) (4)
- [Mars strange objects](#) (8)
- [materialism](#) (8)
- [materialism as religion](#) (2)
- [materialization](#) (11)

1993. Rating: 3 stars, if Ida is a trustworthy person. The short gap of only one day between the report and the claimed observation event merits an additional star in the rating.

Example #4: David Honderstram publishes a report on June 12, 2024 saying that he saw a ghost ten years ago. Rating: 3 stars, if David is a trustworthy witness.

Example #5: David Honderstram publishes a report on June 12, 2024 saying that he saw a ghost the previous day (June 11, 2024). Rating: 4 stars, if David is a trustworthy witness.

Example #6: David Honderstram publishes a report on June 12, 2024 saying that he saw a ghost the previous day (June 11, 2024), and quotes his brother as saying that he also saw the ghost. Rating: 5 stars, if David is a trustworthy witness.

Example #7: David Honderstram publishes a report on June 12, 2024 saying that he saw a ghost the previous day (June 11, 2024), and quotes his brother as saying that he also saw the ghost. David also has a photo showing what he says is the ghost he saw. Rating: 6 stars, if David is a trustworthy witness, and the photo holds up to scrutiny.

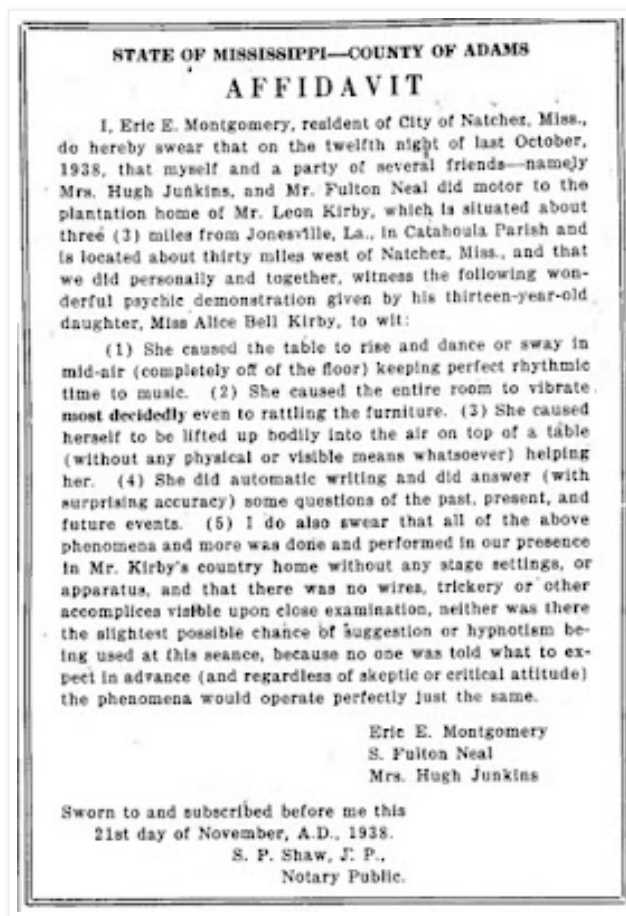
Some reports of the paranormal do not qualify as 5-star reports using the system above. An example is the very interesting tale of hypnotic clairvoyance told [on page 248](#) of *The Psychology of the Future* by Emile Boirac. Boirac quotes a report of a subject who reportedly displayed the most astounding clairvoyance, describing what was going on as a man met with two others very far away. In the account the very specific details given are soon verified as correct. But there are some reasons why the account fails to qualify as five-star evidence using the system above. First, Boirac does not give us the full name of the person who gave the account, merely saying it was provided by Jean B. Secondly, Boirac's book dates from 1918, but the account is of events that supposedly occurred in 1892, with the account not published before Boirac's 1918 book. So sadly the report only earns one of the five stars mentioned above.

But very many reports of the paranormal qualify as 5-star reports following the system above. In the 1870's very many people holding seances were very good at publishing very detailed reports of the observations, with the reports very often published very soon after the observation event. Examples of such reports are quoted in my posts here and [here](#). In those posts are actually some examples of reports of the paranormal which should be rated 5 or 6 stars using the rating system above. The observations claiming materializations of Katie King during the seances of Florence Cook were reported in many different extremely detailed eyewitness accounts by very many

- [mathematical universe hypothesis](#) (1)
- [mathematics](#) (2)
- [matter antimatter asymmetry](#) (1)
- [meat consumption](#) (1)
- [medical care in old age](#) (1)
- [medical technology](#) (2)
- [mediums](#) (33)
- [mega-tsunami](#) (1)
- [memory](#) (44)
- [memory implant](#) (1)
- [memory retrieval](#) (4)
- [memory traces](#) (16)
- [mental differences between animals and humans](#) (1)
- [meta-analysis](#) (1)
- [meteor](#) (1)
- [methodological naturalism](#) (1)
- [Miller-Urey experiment](#) (1)
- [mind](#) (7)
- [mind linking](#) (1)
- [mind over matter](#) (6)
- [mind uploading](#) (5)
- [mind-reading](#) (4)
- [miracles](#) (2)
- [missing heritability problem](#) (1)
- [missing specifications problem](#) (1)
- [misspeaking scientists](#) (1)
- [molecular biology](#) (8)
- [molecular machinery](#) (2)
- [MOND](#) (1)
- [morphic gravitation](#) (1)
- [morphogen gradient](#) (1)
- [morphogenesis](#) (20)
- [multiverse](#) (28)
- [mutations](#) (1)
- [mysterious raps](#) (10)
- [mystery of existence](#) (1)
- [nanotechnology](#) (1)
- [NASA](#) (14)
- [natural history](#) (4)
- [natural history museums](#) (1)
- [natural selection](#) (31)
- [naturalism](#) (2)
- [nature](#) (2)
- [near death experience](#) (31)
- [near-death experience](#) (2)
- [Neptune](#) (1)
- [neuroscience](#) (51)

reliable witnesses, typically giving their full names and often giving their addresses, over years of observation, with the reports very often being published soon after the day of observation, and with photographs being published as corroboration. The reports appeared in [the Spiritualist newspaper](#) during 1872 and 1874. Examples of such reports are quoted in my posts [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

Here is an example of a report that must be rated highly. Using the system above, we can rate it as 4 stars or 5 stars. The report appeared in the [December 10, 1938 edition](#) of the *Psychic Observer* publication [here](#). We have three witnesses testifying on November 21, 1938 to phenomena they say occurred quite recently, on October 12, 1938. The one-month gap might be a justification for granting only 4 stars rather than 5.



See page 5 of the document [here](#) for more testimony in favor of such wonders.

If you ever see something that you think may have been paranormal, you should make a dated record of your observation as soon as possible, noting as many details as you can. Even if you doubt you will ever publish your account, you should either:

- [neutrino](#) (2)
- [neutron](#) (1)
- [neutron stars](#) (1)
- [Nobel Prize](#) (3)
- [non-local consciousness](#) (1)
- [nonearthly pre-existence of the soul](#) (1)
- [nonneuralism](#) (1)
- [nuclear energy](#) (2)
- [nuclear war](#) (5)
- [nuclear weapons](#) (1)
- [nucleosynthesis](#) (3)
- [observer selection effect](#) (1)
- [ocean acidification](#) (1)
- [oceanic dispersal](#) (1)
- [optogenetics](#) (1)
- [orbs](#) (21)
- [organelles](#) (1)
- [origin of biological complexity](#) (38)
- [origin of elements](#) (2)
- [origin of flying animals](#) (3)
- [origin of genes](#) (2)
- [origin of genetic code](#) (1)
- [origin of language](#) (7)
- [origin of life](#) (51)
- [origin of man](#) (16)
- [origin of Mind](#) (15)
- [origin of multicellular life](#) (2)
- [origin of protein complexes](#) (1)
- [origin of proteins](#) (3)
- [origin of sex](#) (1)
- [origin of sexual reproduction](#) (1)
- [origin of universe](#) (2)
- [out-of-body experience](#) (12)
- [overblown hype](#) (67)
- [overconfidence](#) (9)
- [overconsumption](#) (9)
- [overpopulation](#) (9)
- [overshoot and collapse](#) (1)
- [p-hacking](#) (1)
- [P/2013 R3](#) (1)
- [paleontology](#) (8)
- [pandemic](#) (2)
- [panpsychism](#) (4)
- [panspermia](#) (4)
- [paradoxes](#) (1)
- [parallel universes](#) (3)
- [paranormal healing](#) (2)
- [paranormal phenomena](#) (242)

- (1) Write a detailed report on a piece of paper or electronic document, as soon as possible, and record the date and time.
- (2) If the account was particularly noteworthy, such as an account of seeing an apparition or a UFO, you ideally should use your smartphone or camera to make a video of you describing what happened, and make sure to mention the date.

Such a record will be very valuable in establishing the credibility of your observation, should anyone later challenge the credibility of the observation, or should you ever want to help establish the credibility of what you saw, or publish an account. The advice above also applies to anyone witnessing a crime or witnessing something that might be the center of a lawsuit.

Let us now look at a case of a report of the paranormal which should be rated as a 5-star report according to the system above. It is a report by seven named witnesses of seeing on Monday, March 23, 1901 an apparition of the deceased Julia Murray while near a coffin which contained Julia's dead body. The report was published in a newspaper on Friday, March 27, 1901. The image below shows part of the newspaper report:



You can read the full newspaper account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83030193/1901-03-27/ed-1/seq-3/>

We have seven named witnesses who all say they saw an apparition of the late Julia Murray on Monday, March 23, 1901. We even have the addresses of the witnesses. The accounts include these:

- [paranormal writing](#) (1)
- [paraverse](#) (2)
- [pareidolia](#) (2)
- [particle collisions](#) (1)
- [particle physics](#) (15)
- [peak coal](#) (3)
- [peak oil](#) (5)
- [peer review](#) (1)
- [phantom events](#) (1)
- [philosophical zombie](#) (1)
- [philosophy](#) (33)
- [philosophy of mind](#) (20)
- [philosophy of science](#) (3)
- [photography](#) (2)
- [phylogenetics](#) (1)
- [physicalism](#) (2)
- [physics](#) (22)
- [pigs](#) (1)
- [planetoids](#) (1)
- [plant intelligence](#) (1)
- [Platonism](#) (1)
- [polls](#) (1)
- [pollution](#) (4)
- [poltergeist](#) (2)
- [polygamy](#) (1)
- [pork eating](#) (1)
- [post-scarcity economy](#) (1)
- [pre-1975 near-death experience](#) (15)
- [pre-1975 out-of-body experience](#) (1)
- [precognition](#) (26)
- [predictions](#) (4)
- [primordial fluctuations](#) (1)
- [primordial singularity](#) (1)
- [problem of evil](#) (6)
- [prognostication](#) (2)
- [programmed material universe](#) (8)
- [protein complexes](#) (1)
- [protein complexity](#) (3)
- [protein evolution](#) (5)
- [protein folding](#) (9)
- [protein localization](#) (1)
- [protein molecules](#) (7)
- [protein sensitivity](#) (1)
- [psychiatry](#) (1)
- [psychokinesis](#) (8)
- [psychology experiments](#) (1)
- [psychometry](#) (5)
- [pulsars](#) (1)
- [qigong](#) (2)

- Giving firsthand testimony, Mrs. Mary Corbalis states she a vision of Julia Murray came from behind a picture on the wall, becoming an apparition surrounded by "white, filmy clouds." She says the room lit up dramatically, and that Julia wore a wreath of roses.
- Giving firsthand testimony and using an old word for ghost ("shade"), Rose Kearns tells of seeing the same thing, saying, "The shade of Julia Murray appeared there. I saw it." Rose says the apparition "appeared to have something on the head," saying that some said it was a wreath. (The article has apparently used a section header misstating Kearns' first name as Kate.)
- Giving firsthand testimony, Rose McGowan says, "I looked and saw Julia in white and a wreath of roses at her head, the most beautiful thing I ever saw." She says Julia bowed her head slowly, and put her hands together in prayer.
- Giving firsthand testimony, and using the old word "shade" meaning a ghost or apparition, Mary Regan says, "I saw the shade of the young girl who was dead," saying "her features were plainly distinguishable."
- Giving firsthand testimony in a [separate newspaper account](#) dated one day later (March 28, 1901), Katie Kane states she saw a brilliant light on the wall, and saw Julia with a wreath of flowers around her head, and also clouds around her head.

The same apparition sighting is described in the news report [here](#) and [here](#).

Let's look at another case of a report of an apparition, one that appears on [page 80 of Volume II](#) of the nineteenth century book "Bristol Past and Present." We read this:

"Of the rise of the church of Dr. Blomberg, who about this time held a prebendal stall in this cathedral, a curious story is related. When the English forces were in possession of Martinique, in the seven years' war, his father, Major Blomberg, was detached from head-quarters to a distant part of the island, and while there died of a violent fever. The morning after his decease a Col. Stewart was surprised while in bed at head-quarters by the appearance of Major Blomberg in regimental dregs, who, in answer to an alarmed inquiry why he was not with his detachment at his post, assured his interrogator that he was no longer alive. 'I died yesterday,' said he, 'at seven in the morning'; and then delivered an earnest request that his friend, on his return to England, would attend to the welfare of his

- [quantum biology](#) (3)
- [quantum computer universe](#) (1)
- [quantum gravity](#) (1)
- [quantum mechanics](#) (7)
- [quasar polarization vector alignments](#) (1)
- [quasars](#) (1)
- [questionable research practices](#) (3)
- [racism](#) (1)
- [radical abundance](#) (1)
- [random universes](#) (2)
- [randomness](#) (2)
- [receptacle theory of consciousness](#) (3)
- [recolonization of Earth](#) (1)
- [recommended books](#) (15)
- [Reddit](#) (1)
- [reductionism](#) (6)
- [reincarnation](#) (6)
- [rejuvenation](#) (3)
- [remote viewing](#) (7)
- [replication crisis](#) (5)
- [requirements underestimation](#) (6)
- [resource depletion](#) (5)
- [retroognition](#) (1)
- [RNA world hypothesis](#) (1)
- [robotics](#) (3)
- [robots](#) (14)
- [rogue planet](#) (1)
- [savants](#) (4)
- [scarcity](#) (1)
- [science and ethics](#) (3)
- [science and religion](#) (2)
- [science education](#) (1)
- [science fiction](#) (111)
- [Science fiction stories](#) (127)
- [science fiction story](#) (124)
- [science journalism](#) (22)
- [science textbooks](#) (1)
- [scientific authoritarianism](#) (2)
- [scientific consensus](#) (4)
- [scientific ethics](#) (2)
- [scientific explanation](#) (2)
- [scientific explanations](#) (7)
- [scientific fraud](#) (1)
- [scientific literature](#) (2)
- [scientific process](#) (8)
- [scientific speculation](#) (9)
- [scientific theories](#) (6)

young son, then in the island, by seeing him put into possession of an estate to which he was entitled, the deeds of which were secreted in the private drawer of an old chest, in a house that he named in Yorkshire. He then disappeared, leaving Col. Stewart in the greatest astonishment, but that gentleman directly called to Captain Mounsey, who slept in the same room, and inquired if he had seen Major Blomberg, to which that officer replied that he had not only seen him but had heard everything he had said, which he repeated to Colonel Stewart, and they both made notes of the event. Soon after advice arrived of the death of Major Blomberg upon the same morning and at the same hour as had been mentioned by Colonel Stewart to his brother officers, who had hitherto treated the matter with derision. In company with his guardian, Colonel Stewart, the boy, at the conclusion of the war, returned to England, and the story having reached the ear of Queen Charlotte, she appointed him one of her pages. The papers were found as indicated, and, after law suit against the undue possessor of the estate in question, young Blomberg was finally put in possession. He afterwards entered the church, became chaplain to the Prince of Wales, married and settled at Burrington, in Somersetshire, and was appointed a prebendary in Bristol Cathedral. The story is stated to be on the authority of Dr. Blomberg's own handwriting."

Now at first, this sounds like a very convincing piece of evidence. We hear of an apparition sighting, one that is seen by two witnesses. The apparition's claim to be a person who just died is proven correct. You might think an account like this should be scored highly, but using the system here, it merits no more than about three stars. The problem is that we have no first-hand testimony, and we don't know how long the gap is between the reported events and the date of the account given above. The story supposedly comes from a respectable Colonel Stewart, but we have no first hand testimony from him or anyone else. Even if we make generous assumptions that the report of multiple witnesses is correct, and that the witnesses wrote down what they saw soon after seeing it, and that the physical evidence corroborating the apparition's words was actually found, the report above can be given a rating of no higher than about three stars. The Colonel Stewart account cannot be given the five stars that the Julia Murray account merits.

We have below an [interesting account](#) that might well be true, given all of the other evidence that has been gathered for telepathy and clairvoyance. But under the system discussed above, the account can only be given about two stars. We at least have a named witness, and a quote from the witness. But

- [scientific theory](#) (5)
- [scientific thinking](#) (1)
- [scientism](#) (1)
- [scientist flubs and flops \(image series\)](#) (8)
- [scientist misconduct](#) (10)
- [scientist overconfidence](#) (1)
- [scientist recklessness](#) (1)
- [scientist specialization](#) (1)
- [scientist subculture](#) (2)
- [self](#) (1)
- [self-consciousness](#) (2)
- [sensationalism](#) (1)
- [sensitivity of proteins](#) (1)
- [SETI](#) (19)
- [sex](#) (1)
- [sexism](#) (1)
- [shared death experience](#) (2)
- [shopping](#) (1)
- [short radio bursts](#) (1)
- [simulated universe](#) (6)
- [Singularity](#) (8)
- [skepticism](#) (9)
- [slate writing](#) (2)
- [slavery](#) (1)
- [sleepwalking](#) (2)
- [social media](#) (1)
- [social security](#) (1)
- [social trends](#) (1)
- [sociology of science](#) (25)
- [software development](#) (5)
- [solar flares](#) (1)
- [solar system](#) (1)
- [soul](#) (4)
- [space colonization](#) (2)
- [space exploration](#) (3)
- [space station](#) (2)
- [spirit photography](#) (1)
- [spiritism](#) (1)
- [spiritual manifestations](#) (23)
- [spiritualism](#) (19)
- [sports of the future](#) (1)
- [STARGATE program](#) (1)
- [starships](#) (1)
- [stem cells](#) (1)
- [string theory](#) (8)
- [subsidies](#) (1)
- [sun](#) (1)
- [supercomputer](#) (3)
- [superintelligence](#) (7)
- [supermen](#) (2)
- [supernovae](#) (2)

the testimony is vague, with no testimony of exactly what was seen or experienced. And there is no corroboration in the form of testimony from the traveling soul-mate. What exactly does the witness mean when claiming "my mental self has traveled with Captain Leslie"? We don't know. Accounts of the paranormal lacking details cannot be rated very highly. Conversely, in the Julia Murray account cited above, the level of detail is excellent.



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More Old Newspaper Accounts of Telepathy or Clairvoyance

In the 1908 newspaper account below, we read of a case that seems to be evidence of telepathy. A grandmother reported to others that she seemed to hear her granddaughter crying for help 300 miles away, at about the same time her granddaughter drowned. The article also mentions a sighting of a vision of Mrs. Wilmot, reported to have been seen by her husband (on a ship) when Mrs. Wilmot was far away. His roommate said he saw the same thing. The husband soon later learned that Mrs. Wilmot had a dream of visiting him on the ship, about when the vision was seen. Click on the image to read the text more clearly.

- [superstition](#) (1)
- [supersymmetry](#) (11)
- [surveillance state](#) (1)
- [synapse theory of memory](#) (7)
- [synchronicity](#) (1)
- [syncing speech in twins](#) (1)
- [table turning](#) (5)
- [taxes](#) (1)
- [technological innovations](#) (1)
- [telekinesis](#) (1)
- [teleology](#) (12)
- [teleophobia](#) (1)
- [telepathy](#) (14)
- [teleportation](#) (5)
- [theism](#) (3)
- [theories of mind](#) (7)
- [theories of the future](#) (3)
- [theories of the universe](#) (4)
- [theories of time](#) (3)
- [theories of truth](#) (1)
- [theory of accelerating progress](#) (1)
- [theory of consciousness](#) (8)
- [things science cannot explain](#) (5)
- [third man factor](#) (1)
- [time dilation](#) (1)
- [time travel](#) (3)
- [tininess of human knowledge](#) (21)
- [top-down theory of mind](#) (1)
- [trance phenomena](#) (2)
- [transfiguration](#) (1)
- [Transhumanism](#) (4)
- [transposition of the senses](#) (8)
- [Twitter](#) (1)
- [types of universes](#) (2)
- [UAP](#) (4)
- [UFO](#) (14)
- [UFOs](#) (25)
- [underdetermination of scientific theory](#) (1)
- [universe](#) (8)
- [unsolved problems of biology](#) (4)
- [unsolved problems of science](#) (3)
- [vacuum](#) (3)
- [vacuum catastrophe](#) (3)
- [vegetarianism](#) (2)
- [Venus](#) (1)
- [Venus colonization](#) (1)



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- [von Neumann probes](#) (2)
- [voting](#) (1)
- [water memory](#) (1)
- [wealth inequality](#) (4)
- [weddings](#) (1)
- [white holes](#) (1)
- [wormhole](#) (1)
- [xenoglossy](#) (4)

You can read the entire newspaper article here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn92051126/1908-10-04/ed-1/seq-22/>

The biologist Rupert Sheldrake has compiled evidence that dogs may have telepathy or clairvoyance. He authored a book entitled "Dogs That Know When Their Owners Are Coming Home." He reports a recurrent effect of dogs who seem to stay near the door or a window in the minutes preceding the return of their owners to a home. You can read [here](#) a chapter he wrote on this topic and related topics. Here is an excerpt about formal tests Sheldrake did with Pam Smart's dog Jaytee, tests suggesting some telepathy or clairvoyance in the dog:

In formal, randomized tests, Pam went at least five miles away from home. While she was out, the place where Jaytee waited was filmed continuously on time-coded videotape. She did not know in advance when she would be going home and she did so only when she received a message from me via a telephone pager at a randomly selected time. She travelled by taxi, in a different vehicle each time, to avoid any familiar car sounds. On average, Jaytee spent 96 percent of his time away from the window, and was at the window only 4 percent of the time during the main period of Pam's absence. When she was on the way home, he was at the window 55 percent of the time. This difference was very significant statistically ($p < .0001$; Sheldrake

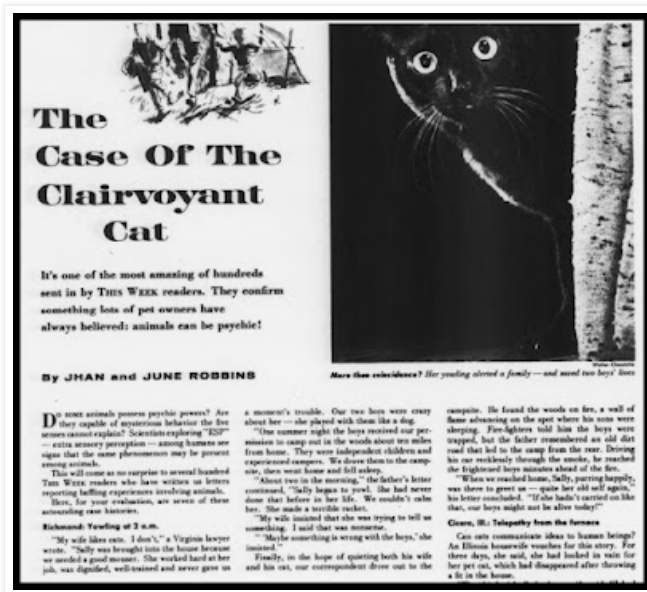
Here is the following paragraph from the same paper:

& Smart, 2000a). In tests carried out with the same dog under similar conditions by Richard Wiseman, a prominent skeptic, and his assistant Matthew Smith (Wiseman, Smith, & Milton, 1998), Jaytee was at the window only 4 percent of the time during the main period of Pam's absence, as in our own experiments, and 78 percent of the time when she was on the way back, again a statistically significant effect ($p = .02$; Sheldrake & Smart, 2000a). Pam Smart and I carried out many further filmed observations of Jaytee's behavior. Again and again, on film and under controlled conditions, Jaytee anticipated Pam's returns ($p = .000003$). In control tests, filmed when Pam was not coming home, he showed no tendency to wait by the window (Sheldrake & Smart, 2000a). We did similar experiments with other dogs, most notably a Rhodesian Ridgeback called Kane, who also waited at the window when his owner was on the way home at nonroutine times in a way that was far above chance ($p = .0002$; Sheldrake & Smart, 2000b).

The aftermath (discussed on [page 353 of the paper](#)) seemed to be a case example of deception by skeptics of the paranormal. One skeptic testing the same dog produced evidence strongly supporting the dog ESP idea, but used deceptive data exclusion tricks to try to portray his positive result as a negative result. Another skeptic claimed to have experimental results discrediting the experimental results produced in the tests involving the dog Jaytee. The claim was very suspicious from the beginning, because you can never discredit a result suggesting ESP by some other experimental result in which ESP is not observed (just as you never discredit reports of meteorites falling into fields by showing that some fields do not get meteorite falls). Sheldrake kept pressing the skeptic to produce the claimed experimental results on this topic, but the skeptic never produced the results. It seems the skeptic was simply lying about having contradictory experimental results.

Sheldrake would not be surprised by the 1950's news account below. We read of a cat that made sounds the owners had never heard before, at the very time when the sons of the owners were

in danger from a forest fire. (Click on the image to read it better.)



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1959-07-05/ed-1/seq-118/>

The newspaper account below is one of many that appeared in the press regarding the team of Joseph Mercedes and Nellie Stantone. The two had a theater act in which Stantone would be blindfolded on a stage, sitting next to a piano. Far away Mercedes would ask audience members to select a random piece to be performed, with the request being only whispered. Innumerable times Mercedes played the requested piece of music. The team seemed to have been successfully tested by parapsychology researchers. See for example the article in the top left of the page [here](#). The article is from 1914.



You can read the story here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85038615/1914-06-21/ed-1/seq-51/>

Using the link below, you can see many different newspaper articles on this couple:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/pages/results/?dateFilterType=yearRange&date1=1756&date2=1963&language=&ortext=&andtext=Mercedes+Stantone&phrasertext=&proxtext=&proxdistance=5&rows=20&searchType=advanced>

Below is a 1923 account of the psychic Rafael Schermann:

Psychic Phenomenon Baffles Scientists With Unique Gift Of "Second Sight"

POLISH MARVEL IS TO VISIT AMERICA

Vienna Psychiatrist Relates Two Years Experiments With Rafael Schermann

By Dr. Oskar Fischer, Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology, Vienna University of Prague.

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Editor's Note: The name of Rafael Schermann in Vienna and all central Europe is as widely known as the name of Mark Twain in New York. Until recent days, however, Schermann was known only in Vienna. Now, however, he has been brought to the notice of the entire world by the publication of his unique powers, which are not recognized in Europe by scientific or established reputation. By these powers, Schermann being able to read "second sight" is referred to in the title. The evidence presented in the following article is worthy of serious consideration. The achievement of Schermann, a Polish subject, in his adopted city of Vienna, has aroused the curiosity of American scientists and police officials. During his stay in the country Schermann will give demonstrations before various scientific bodies and may be employed in detection, with his unique powers of "second sight."



VIENNA, Nov. 2.—I have worked with Rafael Schermann for about two years, conducting more than 100 experiments and tests. When I first met Schermann I was a skeptic. I wanted to meet him partly because of the fact I hoped to get rid of a "phantom" friend. After a few hours' investigation I changed my mind. I realized that not only was Schermann absolutely genuine, but also that I was confronted with a psychic phenomenon unwatched and unheard of with one that came well within the accepted meaning of the term "miraculous." This realization resulted in two years' research of a most extraordinarily interesting nature.

write these are engaged to marry." They were.

But Schermann does not seem at all to look at handwriting. He will furnish written descriptions and analyses of the writer of a script which he has merely touched while blindfolded. I guarded against the possibility of finger-tip reading, of the type familiar to the blind, simply by using this ink with a very sharp pen or quill. The second time

plaza Schermann's pen made a detour.

I made a point of laying traps for Schermann's fragility. Once I blindfolded him and made him touch a piece of paper on which there were a few lines in his own handwriting. He began to describe a person, especially like himself. Then I untied him, after hiding the script, and asked him to reproduce it. Schermann immediately began to write.

You can read the full account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85038485/1923-11-04/ed-1/seq-3/#>

We read this in the account above:

"One shows Schermann a piece of paper with a few lines written on it. The paper may be turned upside down — it makes no difference. Schermann does not examine it as the ordinary graphologist would — he merely glances at it for one or two seconds. On the strength of this glance he will tell you what the writer looks like, what diseases he had as a child, what color his wife's hair is and how many children he has. He can tell you where, under what condition the lines were written. Once he said to me about a sample writing: 'This was written by a chronic drunkard in prison.' So it was. Again, by way of experiment, I wrote a few lines while sitting in the bathtub. Schermann said: This was written in a bath tub."

Below is another article about the same person, written by a professor of psychiatry and neurology who tested him:

Mental Marvel's Gift Mystery Even to Himself, Tests Show

Schermann Unable to Explain His Mind Power.

Science Can Find No Name for Puzzle.



RAFAEL SCHERMANN.

Editor's note.—Second installment of Dr. Fischer's article on Rafael Schermann, whose name is French and all central Europe is as widely known as the name Sherlock Holmes is here. Last month's dispatch announced Schermann's coming to America early this month, how here he had heard of his amazing powers, which are well recognized in Europe by students of spiritualistic phenomena. To think that any human being has so-called "second sight" is regarded in the West, but the evidence presented in the following article is worthy of serious consideration. The achievements of Schermann, a Polish citizen, in his adopted city of Vienna, have aroused the curiosity of American scientists and police officials. During his stay in this country Schermann will give demonstrations before various scientific bodies, and may be employed in connection with historic unsolved criminal mysteries.

BY DR. OSKAR FISCHER,
Professor of Psychiatry and
Neurology, German University
of Prague.

The same conclusion is made inevitable by the following experiment: I inclosed scraps by various persons in envelopes. Schermann, by touching the envelopes, gave analysis of the writers. This might be called the method of indirect touch, as distinguished from the method of direct touch, when Schermann, blindfolded, feels handwriting. But even more surprising was this: I inclosed sample writings in envelopes exactly alike, and then shuffled them so that I myself had not the slightest idea as to whose handwriting I was offering, under seal, to Schermann. It made no difference. Schermann gave analysis which, on opening the envelopes, were found to be the respective subjects.

Here, again, mystery fails as an explanation. How Schermann's gifts include telepathy in the ordinary sense as well. This is proved by the following test: I eliminated handwriting on paper altogether and merely thought

forming a duplicate analysis by a different method.

Reproducing Scripts.

Still another test consisted in telling Schermann, blindfolded, touch the handwriting of various subjects, and then asking him to reproduce my name in the respective script. The results may be ascertained from the adjacent illustrations. In this series the most fascinating experiment was when I made him touch a typewritten sample. He thereupon proceeded to print out my name in block letters. Now, there was an extremely pointed letter in the typewritten copy. In all cases but not quite the same place Schermann's pen made a detour.

I made a point of laying traps for Schermann frequently. Once I blindfolded him and made him touch a piece of paper on which there were a few lines in his own handwriting. He began to describe a person approximately like himself. Then I turned his eyes, after holding the script, and asked him to reproduce it. Schermann laboriously began to imitate his own hand. He had already written a few words when he exclaimed:

"But for God's sake, what are you fooling me for? This is my own handwriting!"

You ask me by what means or processes Schermann produces his miraculous analyses. I don't know. I can't even describe these processes.

You can read the full article here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1923-11-05/ed-1/seq-10/>

Another newspaper article on the same mind marvel can be read here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1923-11-26/ed-1/seq-26/>

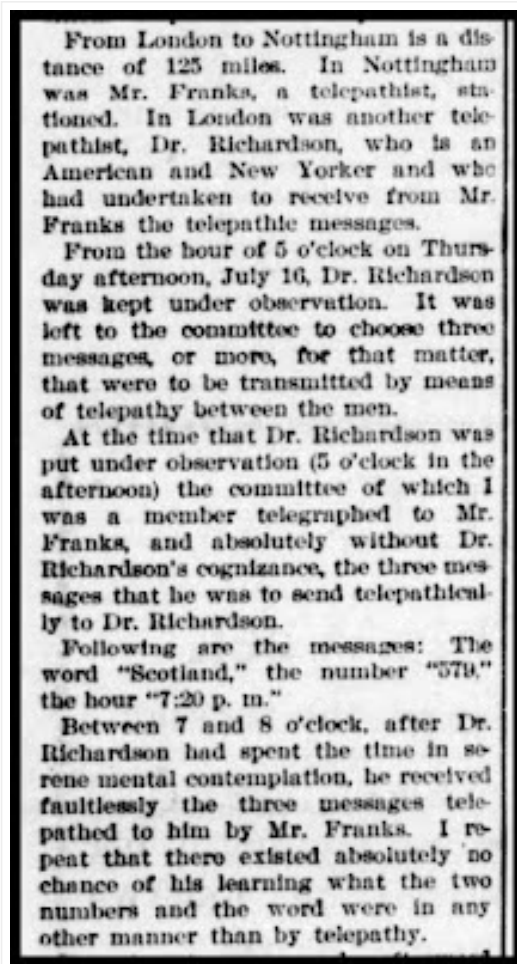
The account below tells an astonishing tale of extrasensory perception or conceivably a willful out-of-body experience:



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86090330/1907-12-07/ed-1/seq-8/>

The distinguished editor W. T. Stead makes this report of the results of a telepathy test he and others supervised, with the sender and receiver being located 125 miles apart. He says there was a perfect reception of the telepathy targets: the word "Scotland," the number 579 and a time of 7:20 PM.



You can read the full article here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn99062034/1903-09-12/ed-1/seq-1/>

To read other old newspaper accounts of telepathy or clairvoyance, click here.

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Sunday, April 20, 2025

Old Newspaper Accounts of Clairvoyance or Telepathy

*"The distinguished Parisian Professor of Medicine, Rostan, gave at the time his corroborative testimony to the existence of this power in the article 'Magnetisme,' in the 'Dictionnaire de Medecine,' wherein he remarked : **There are few facts better demonstrated than clairvoyance**'Innumerable instances are recorded of the possession of the faculty of clairvoyance by persons in the normal state, in sleep [hypnotism], and in some abnormal conditions of the system. "*

-- Edwin Lee, MD, "[Animal Magnetism and Magnetic Lucid Somnambulism](#)" page 103 and page 133.

Although very abundantly reported in books and journals such as *The Zoist* (as you can read about in my set of 14 posts here), reports of clairvoyance are rather hard-to-find in old newspapers. But some accounts can be found. For example, the following account appeared in 1905:

"MUSICAL CLAIRVOYANCE PUZZLES PARIS PEOPLE.

Paris is very much concerned at present over a new phenomenon, which is called, for lack of a better name, musical mediumship, says Public Opinion. In the same way that a few years ago the attention of French scientists was largely occupied with thought transference, now many investigators in the French capital are carefully following the experiments which are being conducted with the musical mediums. In the last number of the Journal des Debats. M. Henri de Parvllle carefully goes over the whole ground, and the facts presented are well worth considering. M. de Parvllle first takes up the case of a subject by the name of Aubert. 'This man, although he had but a rudimentary knowledge of music, performs on the piano, in a semi-hypnotic state, compositions which recall the musical style of Moxart, Chopin, Beethoven, Schubert and others. A second and far more remarkable case, however, is that of Mlle. Nydia. This woman, in a hypnotic state and with her eyes carefully bandaged, is able to play on the piano any piece of music which may be given her. Thus at a sitting recently held at the Theater de la Monnaie, in Brussels, Mlle. Nydia was led to M. Slyvayn Dupuy, chief of the orchestra of the theater, who gave her a piece of music composed by himself, which had never been published. M. Dupuy saw that the bandage had been tightly placed over the girl's eyes. Mlle. Nydia then sat down, held the paper in her hands for a few moments, and then, to the great astonishment of everyone, played the piece without hesitation.

Two physicians examined the young woman, and found her to be in a real hypnotic state and absolutely insensible to the exterior world. There were then placed over her eyes a succession of bandages, alternating black and white, and she was led to the piano. One of the spectators offered a new opera, which was placed on the piano. The hypnotizer looked at his subject, and immediately the girl played the piece with the greatest cleverness. Another spectator, who had just arrived from New Zealand, offered a piece of music which had never been performed in Europe. Mlle. Nydia, however, executed it at once, and she played with the same skill a piece which had just been composed by M. G. Germain. At public request she played a piece of Paderewski, which was unknown to her, and, finally, a

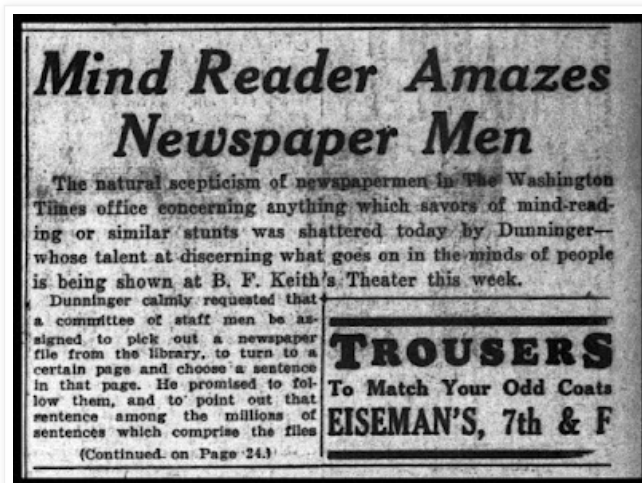
lady wrote the title of a piece of music on a slip of paper, put it into an envelope, which was afterward sealed, and gave it to the girl. She placed it on her forehead for a moment, and the next instant was playing Beethoven's 'Clair du Lune' sonata."

The writer is presumably referring to Debussy's "Clair de Lune," misidentifying the composer. You can read the account here:

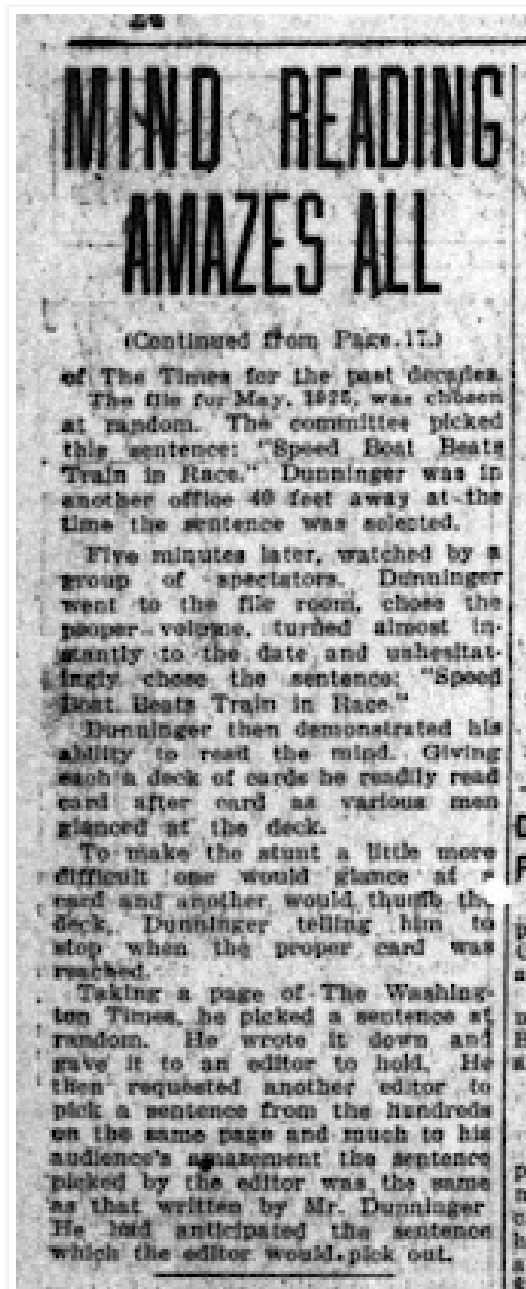
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The terms "artificial somnambulism" and "mesmerism" were used for hypnosis before the word "hypnosis" became popular. An 1891 [newspaper article](#) states this: "The testimony in favor of subjects in this artificial somnambulism being able—some of them—to see what is going on at a distance, to read sealed letters, and to hear a conversation taking place several miles away, seems to be so conclusive that many distinguished scholars, physicians and philosophers are firm believers in clairvoyance and clairsaudience."

Below is the first part of a news article from 1931:



Below is the remainder of the story:



You can read the accounts using the links below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026749/1926-11-02/ed-1/seq-17/>

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026749/1926-11-02/ed-1/seq-24/>

In the newspaper account below, we read of a Mr. Tyndall who is able to perform a "carriage test" of mind-reading or clairvoyance:

"Alexander J. McIver Tyndall, the mind-reader, yesterday morning performed the carriage feat in the same manner in which it was performed by the late Mr. Bishop. On Saturday

afternoon W. A. Spalding and W. O. Miller, two members of the committee appointed to superintend the experiment, hid a small silver match-safe in an oyster-stall of the Broadway market. Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock the committee, including Messrs. Spalding, Bennett, Miller, Dr. Bryant and two others, repaired to the Hollenbeck hotel. For a preliminary sample of Mr. Tyndall's peculiar power, a knife was hid in a crack of the brick wall surrounding the court back of the hotel, and the mind-reader, taking Mr. Spalding's hand, found the article without difficulty, although he had been most carefully blindfolded. The committee, together with Mr. Tyndall, then descended to the street, where a carriage was in waiting. The mind-reader had again been securely blindfolded, and with Mr. Spalding mounted the driver's seat, while the rest of the committee occupied the body of the vehicle. Spalding placed his hand on Tyndall's forehead, concentrated his thoughts upon the article which had been hidden in the market, and the drive began. Tyndall had taken the reins and the whip, and as soon as he had thoroughly established communication between himself and his subject, he struck the horse a sharp blow and started down Spring Street at a sharp trot. At Fourth street he got off his course and turned down to Main at a gallop. Narrowly missing the curb at the corner, he turned down Main, and, with the horse still on the jump and the occupants of the carriage extremely nervous, he drove up Fifth Street to Broadway, down Broadway to Sixth, up Sixth to Hill, and down Hill street around old St. Vincent's college to the rear of the market. A door had been left open to admit the party. The mind-reader stopped the team, and, almost dragging Mr. Spalding by the hand, rushed by three or four doors, entered the one that was open, ran up to an ice-box, reached to the top of it behind a lot of rubbish, and placed his hand on a pasteboard box, which he lifted down. The match-box had been hidden in this box. The whole length of time occupied from the departure from the Hollenbeck until the finding of the hidden article was less than twenty minutes."

You can read the full story here:

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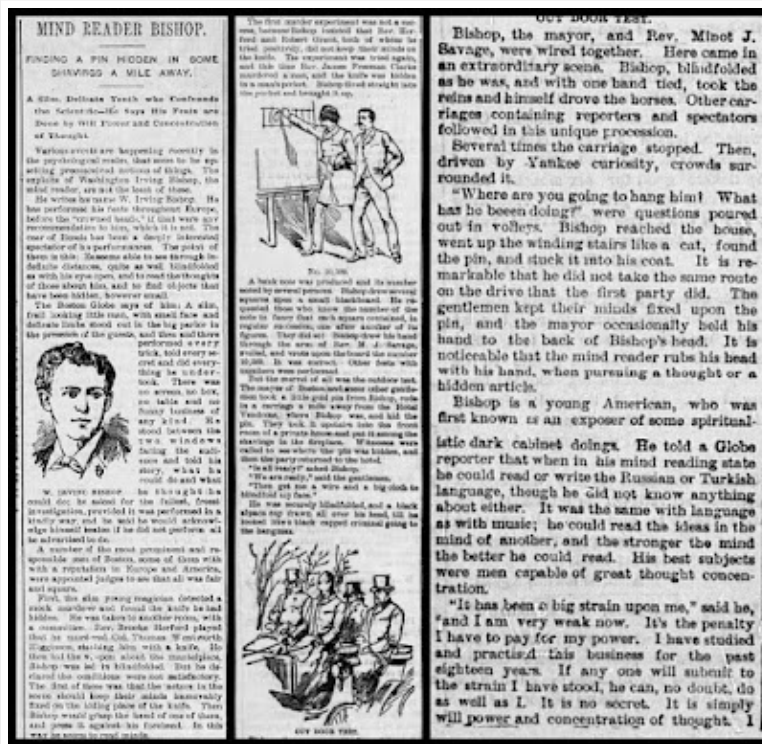
Below is another newspaper account of a mind-reader or clairvoyant, dating from 1895. It refers to a horse-driven carriage:



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn89051168/1895-09-14/ed-1/seq-1/>

Below is an 1886 report of mind-reading by W. Irving Bishop. Bishop became very well-known for his telepathy skills. He performed countless public demonstrations successfully,



You can read the full account below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn91099608/1886-12-14/ed-1/seq-4/>

Bishop would become very famous as a mind-reader, before suddenly dying three years later (during a telepathy demonstration) from what a newspaper called catalepsy. His death is reported in the 1889 article below, one with a title of "Death of the Great Mind Reader":

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87060190/1889-05-14/ed-1/seq-1/>

Below is a [newspaper account](#) of the clairvoyance of Mollie Fancher of Brooklyn, New York:



Below are some excerpts from [the newspaper account](#):

"Dr. S. Fleet Speir, an eminent Brooklyn physician, has attended Miss Fancher ever since her first illness. 'I am a firm believer in her power of clairvoyance,' he said. 'It exists. That is all I know, and is all anyone knows. For years and years she took no solid food. During as many ensuing years her lips were merely moistened occasionally with fruit juices and other slight nourishment....Dr. C. E. Adamson said that he had visited Miss Fancher on many occasions with Dr. Speir. He continued: 'I really believe that Miss Fancher possesses in the highest degree the perceptivity those fraud clairvoyants pretend to have. She is a wonder....You could take a bank check and hold the reverse side toward her, or in fact, shield it entirely from the view of anyone but yourself, and Mollie would tell you the contents of the check, the name of the bank, the amount and the signature. In the same way you could read a letter and Mollie would immediately reproduce the contents. Mind, the person testing her would not move the lips in reading or give any sign or indication by which she could gain the knowledge she exhibited.'"

We read in the account that the wonder show organizer P. T. Barnum (convinced of her clairvoyant powers) offered Mollie a fortune if she would become a star attraction of his traveling wonder shows, saying, "I offered other than money inducements, such as all possible luxuries of travel in a private car, the finest quarters at hotels, the best of attendance, and, in short, a very great betterment of her mode of living." But Mollie turned him down flat, saying that "millions would not tempt her to exhibit herself for a single day to the public."

We read in the account of the accidents that led to Mollie becoming permanently bed-bound: first a fall from a horse, and later a fall from a street car. Then we read this account narrated by a Rev. Talmadge:

"That was about twenty-one years ago. Her nervous system seems to be shattered. She had alternative spasms and trances for a month, and that was followed by a death like continuous trance of two months. Then came nine years of a wonderful and unexplained condition. She lay in bed in an unaltered position, apparently blind and with her eyes tightly closed. Trances were interspersed with spells of a sort of ecstasy, during which she told of marvelous visions and supernatural experiences. She seemed to have the gift of second sight [clairvoyance], and this was tested daily. Her physical rigidity remained a singular accompaniment of her mental exaltation."

"It was in 1875 or '76 that a change came to pass in her. Her body relaxed, and she professed to have no recollection of what occurred during the nine years. But her clairvoyance developed, and the stories are innumerable of her reading of sealed letters, her discernment of visitors before they came into her room, and of all imaginable sort of second sight [clairvoyance]. The experiments were made so numerously and carefully, and by gentlemen of such unassailable probity, that there can be no doubt of their genuineness. Within the past two or three years she has recovered some of the lost flesh—for she had become little more than a living skeleton—and her appearance was much less spectral. But her mind reading power has been unimpaired."

The Mollie Fancher case is described in my post [here](#), and in the long book [here](#).



Similar to the case above are the equally dramatic cases of Eliza Hamilton and Mrs. Croad, discussed in my post [here](#), and the cases of Frederica Hauffe and Adele Magnot discussed in my post [here](#). The denialism or evidence-ignoring under which male science professors refuse to mention or study cases of clairvoyance and mediumship so well documented in females (with other cases such as [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)) is a lamentable example of lingering sexism in the patriarchy of academia, where the most empirically groundless theories of male professors often get 1000 times more attention than the most well-documented and philosophically relevant effects related to female psychics or mediums.

Speaking of females who act as if they have psychic abilities, the Internet is currently abuzz about the recent interview you can see [here](#), in which two twins (Brigitte and Paula Powers) describe their mother's encounter with a thief. It seems that for most of the three-minute interview, the twins seem to speak in sync, with one twin saying exactly what the other twin says at the exact time the other twin says it, as they both describe something they recently saw.

Twin sisters Bridgette and Pa...



Another sync-speaking interview with the two twins is below:

Piers Morgan Can't Stop Lau...



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Psychic Child Marvels of Yesteryear

Below are some interesting clips from old newspaper articles, all describing children who seemed to have astonishing paranormal powers. We may start with Eugenie Davis, who around 1922 attracted wide attention in the press:



You can read about her using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045774/1922-02-26/ed-1/seq-74/>

Below is another account of Eugenie Davis, from the page [here](#):

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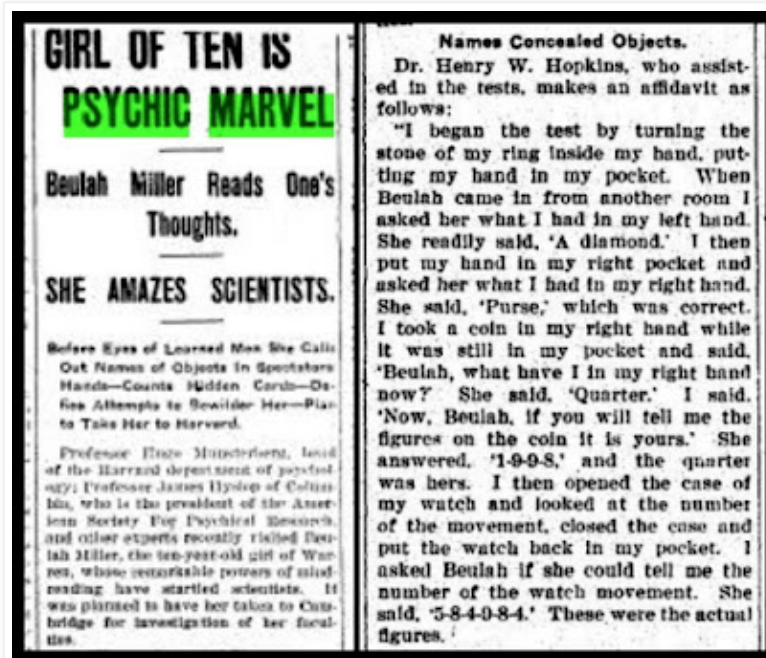
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At the link below we read of the psychic powers of 10-year-old Beulah Miller:

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Here is the first part of the newspaper story:



Here is the second part of the newspaper story:

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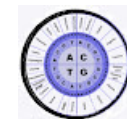
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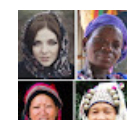
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Below is another news article about Beulah Miller:

the Human Face"



Why It's Not Scientific to Call Speculative Things

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It Seemed Her Suicide Was Not Her End

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A long article on the psychic powers of Beulah Miller is found in the "Girl of Two Worlds" article on page 110 of the periodical [here](#). Below are some excerpts:

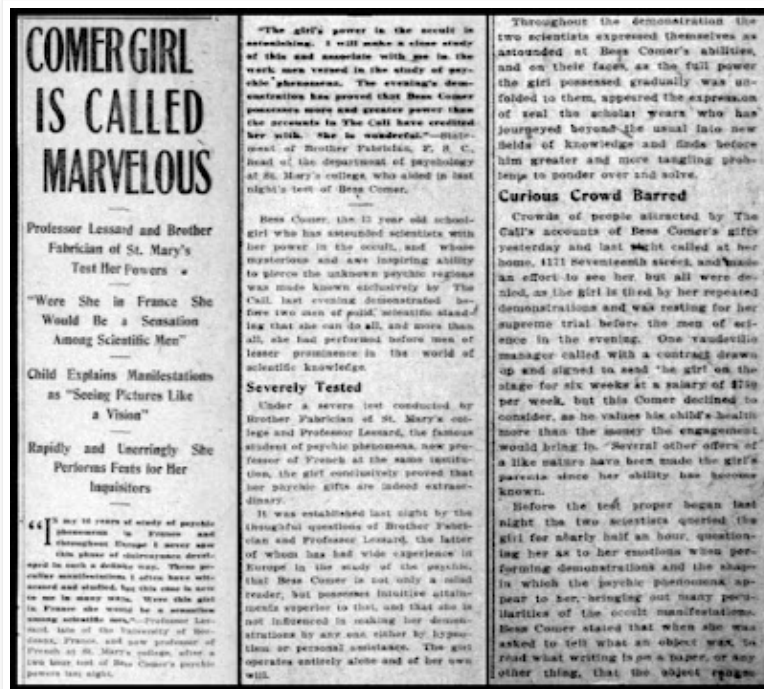
"In a recent interview Miss Bailey said to the writer:...'Beulah turned her back to me and described books which I picked up, and correctly named other objects I held in my hand. She also stated words I wrote on the blackboard. I'm positive that no information was conveyed to the child by the mother through the ordinary channels of communication.'

My next call was on Dr. Henry W. Hopkins, who was called by Mrs. Miller during the absence of her regular physician. 'I had heard that Beulah could see and describe objects apparently invisible to normal vision,' Dr. Hopkins told me, 'and concealing a small pencil in my hand. I asked the little girl if she could tell what I was holding. Beulah raised her eyes to the ceiling. 'P-e-n-c-i-l' she said after a few seconds thought, spelling the word slowly, letter by letter. 'I wonder if you can tell me the number of my car?' I then asked, and again in the same slow, methodical way she spelled it—'One-six-seven-three-R-one'

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- [Our Luxury Results Debunk the Multiverse As an Explanation](#)

which was correct. She then gave me correctly the number of my other car, then in my garage—'One-five-eight-one-R-one.'"

The 1909 newspaper account below tells of psychic powers of 13-year-old Bess Comer:



You can read the story here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85066387/1909-01-31/ed-1/seq-17/>

Later in the same year we another report on the same Bess Comer, who by then was 14:

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- The Bigelow Prize Essays on the Best Evidence for Life After Death

- [The Top 27 Numbers to Ponder When Judging the Chance of Accidental Biological Origins](#)

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- Candid Confessions of the Scientists

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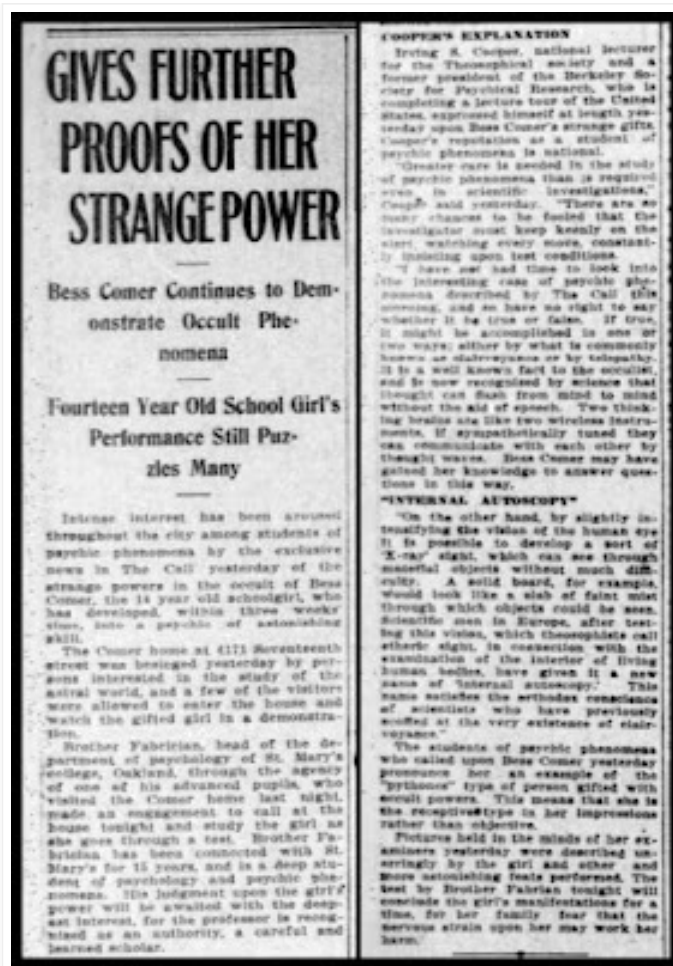
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You can read the account here:

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The photo here also refers to Bess Comer:

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Featured Post

Psychic Experiences in the News, Part 2

Here is the second in a series of videos I am making about news accounts of ESP, precognition, out-of-body experiences, prophetic dreams...



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Next is a newspaper story of a young boy with telepathic abilities (Jackie Merkle):

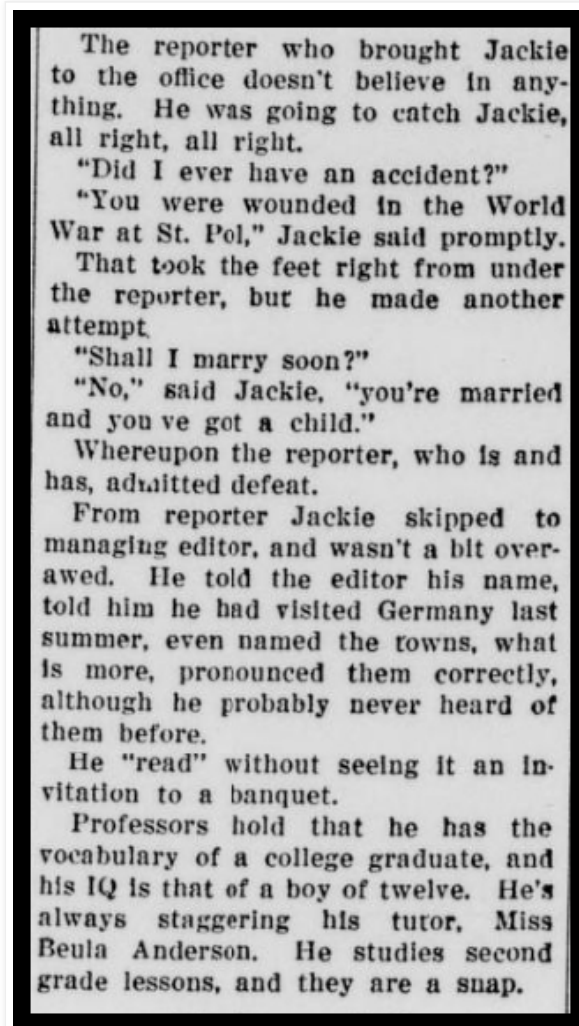


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In another story about the same person we have these examples of his telepathic prowess:



You can read the full story below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85053106/1935-03-01/ed-1/seq-3/>

A later [news story](#) in 1940 refers to the 11-year old Jackie Merkle as a clairvoyant, and notes that a then well-known show business figure (Rudy Vallee) was sponsoring him on a tour of theaters.

The 1972 news story below tells of a boy whose psychic power seemed to save his mother from death:

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The newspaper account below strongly suggests that a young boy had clairvoyant powers that had checked out after examination by many authorities.



You can read the account here:

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- [drones](#) (1)
- [DUNE](#) (1)

At the link [here](#), we read of the tragic death of a young child called a psychic. We read this: "The parents of three-year-old Cassandra Wickenden maintain she could make objects move just by looking at them and that she had a ghost for a playmate."

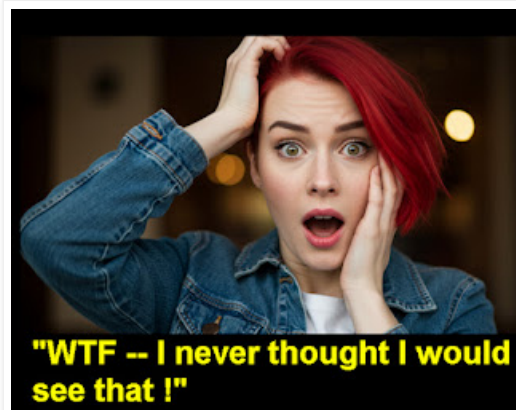
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Monday, February 3, 2025

[Eight Questions to Ask After You Observe Something That Seems Spooky](#)

Observing something spooky that seems hard-to-explain is an [extremely common human experience](#). By "something spooky" I mean here very broadly anything that seems to defy your assumptions or anything that seems hard-to-explain. A spooky observation may or may not be something that seems paranormal. For example, if you see your spouse taking cash from some mysterious stranger, or if you see your doctor or teacher ingesting some strange-looking substance, that may qualify as something spooky.



When a certain type of person observes something that looks spooky, he will ask himself only one thing: how can I sweep this under the rug? But it is better to ask yourself a series of questions after you see something that seems spooky.

Question #1: should I make a record of what I saw?

The answer to this question is usually a "no-brainer." Almost always after observing something spooky, you should write down exactly what you saw. What you saw could be a hint of some important reality, and if that is true, you want to have as reliable a record as possible of your observation of the spooky thing you saw. The smaller the time gap between your observation of the event and the time you wrote down what you

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- [forecasting](#) (1)

saw, the more reliable your account will be. For example, your account of an apparition sighting written ten minutes after it occurred is more credible than if you wait months to write down what you saw. It is always a good idea to write down the time and date when you saw something spooky.

The type of record I am referring to here is simply a private record such as something written down on a sheet of paper, something written down in a text file saved on your computer, tablet device or smartphone, or something as simple as a text message that you can send yourself. If what you saw has any type of legal ramifications or is something that might have any relevance to a court case or a law suit or a divorce proceeding or a custody dispute, you will be in much better shape if you write down an account of what you saw as soon as possible. One particularly convincing way to make a record of what you saw is to use your smartphone to take a video of you telling about what you saw, as soon as possible after you saw it, while mentioning the time and date.

Question #2: is there a credible and commonplace explanation for what I saw?

This is always a good question to ask, particularly before you publish any report of the spooky thing you saw. To give a simple example, you may be in your kitchen and hear mysterious-seeming spooky-sounding voices. Before spending any appreciable time thinking about such a thing, you should check to see whether anyone nearby was using some device (such as a TV or smartphone) that might have been the cause of such a spooky sound. Often you may be able to discover or think of such a credible and commonplace explanation, and that will be the end of the matter. But sometimes you may not, and you may then need to ponder the remaining questions on my list.

Question #3: should I publish an account of the spooky thing I observed?

My question refers to things such as social media posts. The question can be a difficult question with no easy answer. In a very healthy society there would be no penalty for anyone publishing any account of some spooky thing he saw. But in our not-very-healthy society there often may be some penalty for someone publishing an account of some spooky thing he saw, and listing himself as the author. The penalty might include things such as ridicule or decreased likelihood of getting a job or assignment or grant or college admission.

For the sake of establishing the reality of a spooky phenomenon or event, it is always good to publicly report the event using your full name. But sometimes your self-interest may outweigh what

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- [heart attack risk](#) (1)
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- [holographs](#) (1)

is best from the standpoint of establishing the reality of something. If you are worried about suffering some penalty from publicly reporting the spooky thing you saw, there are two ways to reduce the chance of that:

(1) You might consider publishing your account under a pseudonym, although you will reduce the evidence value of your account by doing so.

(2) You might be cautious in interpreting what you saw or speculating about a cause of what you saw.

Question #4: is this spooky thing I observed similar to or possibly related to other things I observed?

This is always a great question to ask after seeing something spooky. By asking the question you ask yourself: is the spooky thing I saw a one-of-a-kind observation unlike anything I have ever seen, or is it something similar to or possibly related to other things I saw?

For example, you may observe something that seems spooky on the day a relative dies, or shortly thereafter. The thing you observed may at first seem like some one-of-a-kind event. But you might be able to search your memory or records, and find that similar spooky things happened at about the time that other of your relatives died. Now you have not just a one-off event, but a pattern.

Similarly, you may see some strange thing in a photo you cannot explain. But looking at previous photos you took, you may see that such an anomaly has appeared multiple times in your photos.

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- [homosexuality](#) (3)
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- [human body plan](#) (1)
- [human extinction](#) (2)
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See [here](#) for the recurrence examples

Or, you may observe some person acting in a very unusual way. The event may seem one-of-a-kind, but then you might be able to remember that the person acted in the same strange way on multiple different occasions. By then you may have detected a pattern that suggests something important about that person.

Question #5: is this spooky thing I observed similar to or possibly related to other similar things that other people observed?

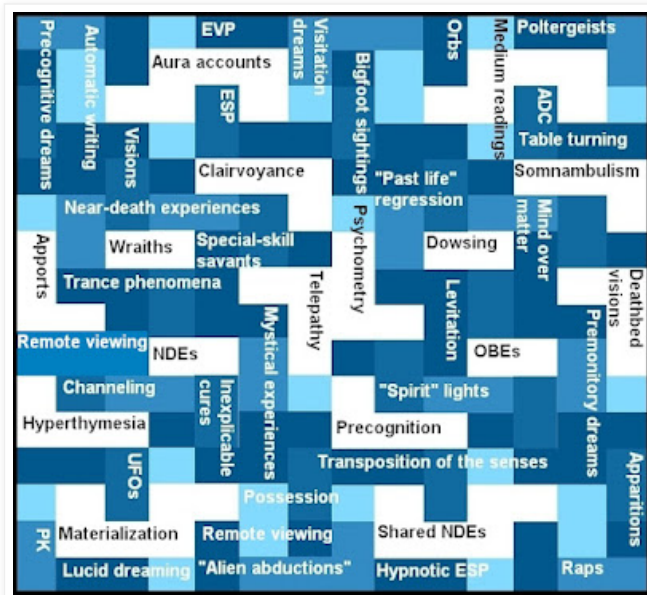
After observing some spooky thing, you may feel kind of isolated. You may say to yourself, "People just don't see things like I saw." But maybe other people do observe such things. Maybe very many people observe such things. And maybe many people have been observing such things for a long time.

It's not enough to just ask such a question. You also should try to answer such a question, by doing the relevant research. That may take a lot of time, but the effort may be a very rewarding one, one that leads you to discover important observations you never learned about, or never studied in any depth.

A good place to start in trying to answer such a question might be my long post "120+ Types of Paranormal or Anomalous

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- [matter antimatter asymmetry](#) (1)
- [meat consumption](#) (1)
- [medical care in old age](#) (1)
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Experiences," which you can read [here](#). I describe most of the types of paranormal experiences that people report, and in almost every case I gave links to online pages or web sites where you can find more information about such topics. Other good resources to use in trying to answer such a question are my posts [here](#) and [here](#).



Types of paranormal phenomena

6. Is there some important possibility that this observation might suggest?

When you observe some spooky-seeming thing, it is always good to ask yourself about what possibilities may be implied by your observation. An example is an out-of-body experience. As discussed [here](#), very many people report being out of their bodies, and observing their own bodies from a viewing position away from their bodies, typically about two meters away. What does such an observation suggest? It suggests a philosophical conclusion of the greatest importance: that your mind is something not generated by your brain, and something that will survive the death of your brain.

7. Is there some important belief or assumption that this observation might tend to discredit?

When you observe some spooky-seeming thing, it is always good to ask yourself about what possibilities may be discredited by your observation. For example, you may believe that nothing survives death; but on the night your relative dies at some distant location, at a time you did not know that the relative was sick or in danger, you may see an apparition of your relative. Such a thing has been reported by very many people, as discussed in my series of posts you can read below:

- [neutrino](#) (2)
- [neutron](#) (1)
- [neutron stars](#) (1)
- Nobel Prize (3)
- [non-local consciousness](#) (1)
- nonearthly pre-existence of the soul (1)
- [nonneuralism](#) (1)
- [nuclear energy](#) (2)
- [nuclear war](#) (5)
- [nuclear weapons](#) (1)
- [nucleosynthesis](#) (3)
- [observer selection effect](#) (1)
- [ocean acidification](#) (1)
- [oceanic dispersal](#) (1)
- [optogenetics](#) (1)
- [orbs](#) (21)
- [organelles](#) (1)
- [origin of biological complexity](#) (38)
- [origin of elements](#) (2)
- [origin of flying animals](#) (3)
- [origin of genes](#) (2)
- [origin of genetic code](#) (1)
- [origin of language](#) (7)
- [origin of life](#) (51)
- [origin of man](#) (16)
- [origin of Mind](#) (15)
- [origin of multicellular life](#) (2)
- [origin of protein complexes](#) (1)
- [origin of proteins](#) (3)
- [origin of sex](#) (1)
- [origin of sexual reproduction](#) (1)
- [origin of universe](#) (2)
- out-of-body experience (12)
- [overblown hype](#) (67)
- [overconfidence](#) (9)
- [overconsumption](#) (9)
- [overpopulation](#) (9)
- [overshoot and collapse](#) (1)
- [p-hacking](#) (1)
- [P/2013 R3](#) (1)
- [paleontology](#) (8)
- [pandemic](#) (2)
- [panpsychism](#) (4)
- [panspermia](#) (4)
- [paradoxes](#) (1)
- [parallel universes](#) (3)
- [paranormal healing](#) (2)
- [paranormal phenomena](#) (242)

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What important belief or assumption do observations of this type tend to discredit? They tend to discredit claims that you are merely a brain whose existence will end when your brain dies.



Apparitions seen by more than one

- [paranormal writing](#) (1)
- [paraverse](#) (2)
- [pareidolia](#) (2)
- [particle collisions](#) (1)
- [particle physics](#) (15)
- [peak coal](#) (3)
- [peak oil](#) (5)
- [peer review](#) (1)
- [phantom events](#) (1)
- [philosophical zombie](#) (1)
- [philosophy](#) (33)
- [philosophy of mind](#) (20)
- [philosophy of science](#) (3)
- [photography](#) (2)
- [phylogenetics](#) (1)
- [physicalism](#) (2)
- [physics](#) (22)
- [pigs](#) (1)
- [planetoids](#) (1)
- [plant intelligence](#) (1)
- [Platonism](#) (1)
- [polls](#) (1)
- [pollution](#) (4)
- [poltergeist](#) (2)
- [polygamy](#) (1)
- [pork eating](#) (1)
- [post-scarcity economy](#) (1)
- [pre-1975 near-death experience](#) (15)
- [pre-1975 out-of-body experience](#) (1)
- [precognition](#) (26)
- [predictions](#) (4)
- [primordial fluctuations](#) (1)
- [primordial singularity](#) (1)
- [problem of evil](#) (6)
- [prognostication](#) (2)
- [programmed material universe](#) (8)
- [protein complexes](#) (1)
- [protein complexity](#) (3)
- [protein evolution](#) (5)
- [protein folding](#) (9)
- [protein localization](#) (1)
- [protein molecules](#) (7)
- [protein sensitivity](#) (1)
- [psychiatry](#) (1)
- [psychokinesis](#) (8)
- [psychology experiments](#) (1)
- [psychometry](#) (5)
- [pulsars](#) (1)
- [qigong](#) (2)

I could give many other examples in which spooky observations may discredit or cast doubt on long-held beliefs you have held. For example, you may hold the belief that physical effects inside a room with closed doors can only be produced by things inside that room or inside that house, with the exception of rare natural events such as earthquakes or tornadoes. You may one day observe some inexplicable motion of an object that causes you to doubt such a belief. In such a case, your observation may be of very great importance. Such an observation may be a very important clue telling that reality does not obey one of the rules that you thought it obeyed.

8. Is this observation sufficient to cause an opinion revision, or should I wait until more observations of this type occur?

Some types of observations of the spooky may be so dramatic that they may warrant an immediate revision of your opinion on some topic. For example, if you have an out-of-body experience or a near-death experience or if you see vividly an apparition, this may well warrant an immediate revision of your opinion about the nature of your mind or your opinion about life after death. But it is often best not to let a single observation of something spooky revolutionize your opinion about a topic. Typically what is best is to note to yourself that the observation may tend to support some particular possibility you were unsure about, or may tend to put in doubt some assumption that you previously held. Then keep any eye out for other observations of the same type, which may occur to you or other people. Also, search for other people who have observed similar things.

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Labels: [paranormal phenomena](#)

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

When Newspaper Accounts Said an Apparition, Levitation or Teleportation Was Seen by More Than One

Let us look at some old newspaper accounts describing an apparition seen by multiple witnesses. The first dates from 1910. We hear of two seeing the ghost of a miner who died, with them reporting that the ghost vanished into a wall:

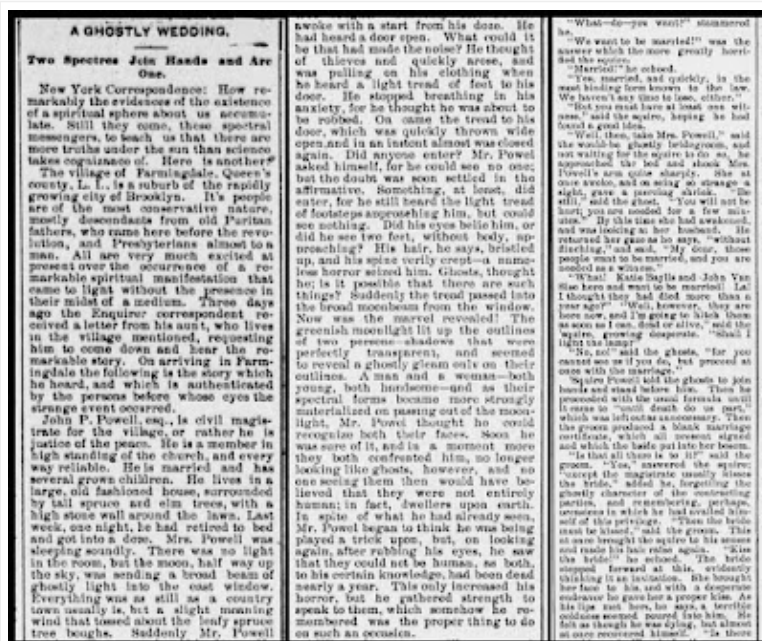
- [quantum biology](#) (3)
- [quantum computer universe](#) (1)
- [quantum gravity](#) (1)
- [quantum mechanics](#) (7)
- [quasar polarization vector alignments](#) (1)
- [quasars](#) (1)
- [questionable research practices](#) (3)
- [racism](#) (1)
- [radical abundance](#) (1)
- [random universes](#) (2)
- [randomness](#) (2)
- [receptacle theory of consciousness](#) (3)
- [recolonization of Earth](#) (1)
- [recommended books](#) (15)
- [Reddit](#) (1)
- [reductionism](#) (6)
- [reincarnation](#) (6)
- [rejuvenation](#) (3)
- [remote viewing](#) (7)
- [replication crisis](#) (5)
- [requirements underestimation](#) (6)
- [resource depletion](#) (5)
- [retroognition](#) (1)
- [RNA world hypothesis](#) (1)
- [robotics](#) (3)
- [robots](#) (14)
- [rogue planet](#) (1)
- [savants](#) (4)
- [scarcity](#) (1)
- [science and ethics](#) (3)
- [science and religion](#) (2)
- [science education](#) (1)
- [science fiction](#) (111)
- [Science fiction stories](#) (127)
- [science fiction story](#) (124)
- [science journalism](#) (22)
- [science textbooks](#) (1)
- [scientific authoritarianism](#) (2)
- [scientific consensus](#) (4)
- [scientific ethics](#) (2)
- [scientific explanation](#) (2)
- [scientific explanations](#) (7)
- [scientific fraud](#) (1)
- [scientific literature](#) (2)
- [scientific process](#) (8)
- [scientific speculation](#) (9)
- [scientific theories](#) (6)



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88085947/1910-03-27/ed-1/seq-12/>

The newspaper account below tells one of the most startling ghost accounts you will ever hear. We read of a justice of the peace (one often marrying couples) who reports encountering a pair of spirits who requested to be married, with the justice's wife seeing the same pair.



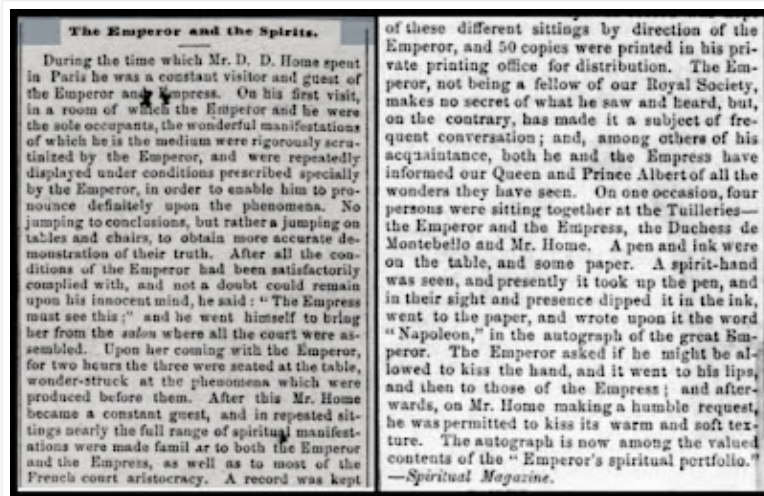
You can read the full account by using the link below:

[https://futureandcosmos.blogspot.com/search/label/paranormal phenomena?updated-max=2025-04-20T22:00:00-07:00&max-results=20&start=8...](https://futureandcosmos.blogspot.com/search/label/paranormal%20phenomena?updated-max=2025-04-20T22:00:00-07:00&max-results=20&start=8...)

- scientific theory (5)
- scientific thinking (1)
- scientism (1)
- scientist flubs and flops (image series) (8)
- scientist misconduct (10)
- scientist overconfidence (1)
- scientist recklessness (1)
- scientist specialization (1)
- scientist subculture (2)
- self (1)
- self-consciousness (2)
- sensationalism (1)
- sensitivity of proteins (1)
- SETI (19)
- sex (1)
- sexism (1)
- shared death experience (2)
- shopping (1)
- short radio bursts (1)
- simulated universe (6)
- Singularity (8)
- skepticism (9)
- slate writing (2)
- slavery (1)
- sleepwalking (2)
- social media (1)
- social security (1)
- social trends (1)
- sociology of science (25)
- software development (5)
- solar flares (1)
- solar system (1)
- soul (4)
- space colonization (2)
- space exploration (3)
- space station (2)
- spirit photography (1)
- spiritism (1)
- spiritual manifestations (23)
- spiritualism (19)
- sports of the future (1)
- STARGATE program (1)
- starships (1)
- stem cells (1)
- string theory (8)
- subsidies (1)
- sun (1)
- supercomputer (3)
- superintelligence (7)
- supermen (2)
- supernovae (2)

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn99021999/1887-12-30/ed-1/seq-6/>

The 1860 account below is one of very many accounts describing great paranormal wonders occurring in the presence of the medium Daniel Dunglas Home, who was investigated at length by the leading physicist Sir William Crookes, who asserted in print that several dramatic types of paranormal occurrences really did occur around Home (as discussed here). We have an account of multiple witnesses seeing an apparition of a hand, one that reportedly picked up a pen and signed the name "Napoleon." The emperor mentioned was Napoleon III.



The world-class physicist William Crookes stated in writing that he had seen levitations of the medium Daniel Dunglas Home. The newspaper account below summarizes part of a paper Crookes published with a title of "Human Levitation."

Crookes seems to think that if human testimony is worth anything, this phase of spirit manifestation is conclusively demonstrated. He notices a number of recent cases, eleven of which he witnessed himself, in which levitation of the human body undoubtedly took place. The phenomena occurred with Mr. Home the Scotch-American medium, and with Dr. Monck, last year. In the latter instance the medium was transferred while in a trance, and unseen during the progress of the phenomenon, from his own residence at Bristol to the garden of his friend, Mr. Young, at Swindon. The change from one place to the other, apparently, was instantaneous. A still better attested case, according to Mr. Crookes, is that of Mrs. Guppy, who was taken through the air from her house at Holloway to a circle of her friends assembled at No. 61 Lamb's Conduit street. The case of Mr. Henderson, the well-known London photographer, is of more recent happening. He was conveyed a shorter distance, but the evidence of the act is furnished by eighteen witnesses—nine of them members of Mr. Guppy's family, and the remainder of the family of Mr. Stokes, at Highbury, where the photographer was suddenly found after his sudden journey. Mr. Crookes also cites the cases of the Davenport brothers, and of the Eddy family, who in their childhood were subject to levitation.

- [superstition](#) (1)
- [supersymmetry](#) (11)
- [surveillance state](#) (1)
- [synapse theory of memory](#) (7)
- [synchronicity](#) (1)
- [syncing speech in twins](#) (1)
- [table turning](#) (5)
- [taxes](#) (1)
- [technological innovations](#) (1)
- [telekinesis](#) (1)
- [teleology](#) (12)
- [teleophobia](#) (1)
- [telepathy](#) (14)
- [teleportation](#) (5)
- [theism](#) (3)
- [theories of mind](#) (7)
- [theories of the future](#) (3)
- [theories of the universe](#) (4)
- [theories of time](#) (3)
- [theories of truth](#) (1)
- [theory of accelerating progress](#) (1)
- [theory of consciousness](#) (8)
- [things science cannot explain](#) (5)
- [third man factor](#) (1)
- [time dilation](#) (1)
- [time travel](#) (3)
- [tininess of human knowledge](#) (21)
- [top-down theory of mind](#) (1)
- [trance phenomena](#) (2)
- [transfiguration](#) (1)
- [Transhumanism](#) (4)
- [transposition of the senses](#) (8)
- [Twitter](#) (1)
- [types of universes](#) (2)
- [UAP](#) (4)
- [UFO](#) (14)
- [UFOs](#) (25)
- [underdetermination of scientific theory](#) (1)
- [universe](#) (8)
- [unsolved problems of biology](#) (4)
- [unsolved problems of science](#) (3)
- [vacuum](#) (3)
- [vacuum catastrophe](#) (3)
- [vegetarianism](#) (2)
- [Venus](#) (1)
- [Venus colonization](#) (1)

You can read the full article below, which cites many additional reports of human levitation:

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=d&d=SCR18600714.2.3&srpos=355&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN----->

The article above is summarizing the paper "Human Levitation" by William Crookes, which can be read here:

https://archive.org/details/per_the-quarterly-journal-of-science_the-quarterly-journal-of-science_1875-01_5/page/31/mode/1up

On the page [here](#) of the 1875 paper, Crookes speaks of recent reports of levitations and teleportation:

"As Newton is held to have proved that gravitation and inertia in every mass are proportional, we might expect that whatever overbears the former would be equally capable of neutralising the latter; and, in fact, the elder records hardly speak of visible suspensions like those of Mr. Home, but mainly of sudden unseen transfers of the person to a distance; like that alleged of Dr. Monck last year, from his own residence at Bristol to the garden of his friend, Mr. Young, at Swindon ; or the earlier but better attested one of Mrs. Guppy, from her house at Holloway to a circle of her friends assembled at No. 61, Lamb's Conduit Street; or, a few months ago, that of Mr. Henderson, a well-known photographer of London, for a smaller distance, but attested by eighteen persons besides himself—the nine assembled with him at Mr. Guppy's, and the whole Stokes family, at Highbury, where he was unexpectedly found."

On [one page of the paper](#), Crookes this list of forty saints who were supposedly levitated:

- [videos](#) (17)
- [virtual reality](#) (2)
- [vitalism](#) (6)
- [von Neumann probes](#) (2)
- [voting](#) (1)
- [water memory](#) (1)
- [wealth inequality](#) (4)
- [weddings](#) (1)
- [white holes](#) (1)
- [wormhole](#) (1)
- [xenoglossy](#) (4)

1875.]

Human Levitation.

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Forty Levitated Persons, Canonised or Beatified.

Name, Country, and Condition.	Date of Life.	Acta Sanct.	Vol.	Pages.
Andrew Salus, Scythian Slave ..	880—945	May	VI.	16*
Luke of Soterium, Greek Monk ..	890—945	Feb.	II.	85
Stephen I., King of Hungary ..	978—1038	Sept.	I.	541
Ladislava I., Ditto (his grandson)	1041—1096	June	V.	118
Christina, Flemish Nun ..	1150—1220	July	V.	656
St. Dominic, Italian Preacher	1170—1221	Aug.	I.	405, 573
Lotgard, Belgian Nun ..	1182—1246	June	III.	218
Agnes of Bohemia, Princess ..	1205—1281	March	I.	512
Humiliana of Florence, Widow ..	1219—1246	May	IV.	365
Jutta, Prussian Widow Hermit ..	1215—1264	May	VII.	606
St. Bonaventure, Italian Cardinal	1221—1274	July	III.	827
St. Thomas Aquinas, Italian Friar	1227—1274	March	I.	670-1
Ambrose Sanseverino, Itin. Priest	1229—1287	March	III.	191
Peter Armentol, Spanish Priest ..	1238—1304	Sept.	I.	334
St. Albert, Sicilian Priest ..	1240—1306	Aug.	II.	236
Princess Margaret of Hungary ..	1242—1270	Jan.	II.	904
Robert of Salentum, Italian Abbot	1273—1341	July	IV.	563
Agnes of Mt. Polician, Itin. Abbess	1274—1317	April	II.	794
Bartholus of Vado, Italian Hermit	1300	June	II.	1007
Princess Elizabeth of Hungary ..	1297—1338	May	II.	126
Catharine Columbina, Sp. Abbess	1387	July	VII.	352
St. Vincent Ferrer, Sp. Missionary	1359—1419	April	I.	497
Coleta of Ghent, Flemish Abbess	1381—1447	March	I.	559, 576
Jeremy of Panormo, Sicilian Friar	1381—1452	March	I.	207
St. Antonine, Archbp. of Florence	1389—1459	May	I.	335
St. Francis of Paola, Missionary ..	1440—1507	April	I.	117
Osanna of Mantua, Italian Nun ..	1450—1505	June	III.	703, 705
Bartholomew of Angbiera, Friar ..	1510	March	II.	665
Columba of Rieti, Italian Nun ..	1468—1501	May	V.	332*, 4*, 360*
Thomas, Archbishop of Valencia ..	1487—1555	Sept.	V.	832, 969
St. Ignatius Loyola, Sp. Soldier	1491—1556	July	VII.	432
Peter of Alcantara, Spanish Friar	1499—1562	Oct.	VIII.	672, 673, 678
St. Philip Neri, Italian Friar ..	1515—1595	May	VI.	520
Salvator de Horta, Spanish Friar	1520—1567	March	II.	672-80
St. Luis Bertrand, Sp. Missionary	1526—1581	Oct.	V.	407, 483
St. Theresa, Spanish Abbess ..	1515—1582	Oct.	VII.	399
John à Cruz, Spanish Priest ..	1542—1591	Oct.	VII.	439
J. B. Piscator, Roman Professor ..	1586	June	IV.	976
Joseph of Cupertino, Italian Friar	1603—1663	Sept.	V.	1020-2
Bonaventure of Potenza, Itin. Friar	1651—1711	Oct.	XII.	154, 157-9

The references are to volumes and pages of the Acta Sanctorum series of volumes, which can be found on www.archive.org. Referring to the people in the list above, [we read this](#) in the article by Crookes:

"Many were levitated only in these unconscious states; others, as Joseph of Cupertino (the greatest aerobat in all history), both in the trance and ordinary state, and (like Mr. Home) most frequently in the latter; while a very few, as Theresa, seem to have been always conscious when in the air. Several were, in certain states, fire handlers, like Mr. Home. The Princess Margaret was so from the age of ten. ..The great majority of them, though often seen suspended, were at heights from the ground described only as 'a palm' half a cubit, a cubit, and thence up to five or six cubits, of, in a few cases, ells. But the Princess Agnes and the Abbess Coleta were, like Elijah, carried out of sight, or into the clouds ; and Peter of Alcantara and Joseph of Cupertino others were watched off the ground often exceeded an hour; and the Archbishop of Valencia (1555) was suspended in trance twelve hours, so that not only all the inmates of his palace, and clergy, but 'innumerable' lay citizens, went to see the marvel."

On [another page](#), referring to accounts of teleportation by saints, Crookes states this: "Of invisible transfers to a distance, the only subjects seem to have been Columba of Rieti, said to have been carried from her mother's house in that town to the nunnery that afterwards received her, at Spoleto, twenty miles distant; and the river transits of Peter of Alcantara."

Crookes refers in his article above to claims in his own time that Mrs. Elizabeth Guppy was teleported. The original source of such claims is the [June 15, 1871 edition](#) of *The Spiritualist*, a weekly newspaper. On page 170, we have a report by numerous witnesses claiming to have seen a case of human teleportation. Here is the original account, signed by a series of witnesses, along with the witnesses who attested to have seen this marvel on June 3, 1871:

" On Saturday evening, June 3rd, at 61, Lamb's Conduit-street, High Holborn, London, W.C., a séance was held in the rooms of Messrs. Herne and Williams, mediums. Before the séance began, the doors communicating with the passage outside were locked. The proceedings began, at the request of the mediums, with prayer. Then spirit lights, like small stars, were seen moving about, after which a conversation between the spirits John King and Katie King, was heard. John said, 'Katie, you can't do it.' Katie replied, 'I will, I tell you I will.' John said, 'I tell you you can't.' She answered, 'I will.' Mr. Harrison then said, 'Can you bring Mrs. Guppy?' There was no reply, but a member of the circle urged that the attempt should not be made. Within three minutes after Katie had said, 'I will,' a single heavy sound was heard for an instant on the centre of the table. Mr. Edwards put out his hand and said, 'There is a dress here.' A light was instantly struck, and Mrs. Guppy was found standing motionless on the centre of the table, trembling all over; she had a pen and an account-book in her hands. Her right hand, with the pen in it, was over her eyes. She was spoken to by those present, but did not seem to hear; the light was then placed in another room, and the door was closed for an instant; John King then said, 'She'll be all right presently.' After the lapse of about four minutes after her arrival, she moved for the first time, and began to cry. The time of her arrival was ten minutes past eight. Mrs. Edmiston, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Harrison went at once to one of the doors, and found it still locked; the other door could not be opened during the séance, because the back of the chair of one of the sitters was against it. There was no cupboard, article of furniture, or anything else in the rooms, in which it was possible for anybody to conceal themselves, and, if there had been, we, the undersigned witnesses, are all certain that by no natural means could Mrs. Guppy have placed herself instantaneously on the centre of a table round which we were all sitting shoulder to shoulder."

"Mrs. Guppy said that the last thing she remembered before she found herself on the table, was that she was sitting at home at Highbury, talking to Miss Neyland, and entering some household accounts in her book. The ink in the pen was wet when she arrived in our midst; the last word of the writing in

the book was incomplete, and was wet and smeared. She complained that she was not dressed in visiting costume, and had no shoes on, as she had been sitting at the fire without them. As she stated this to Mr. Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, a pair of slippers dropped on the floor from above, one of them grazing Mr. Morris's head ; this was after the séance, and in the light. We all went into the dark room for a few minutes afterwards, and four flower-pots with flowers in them, which Mrs. Guppy declared to be from her home, were placed on the table at once. "

"After tea a second séance was held. Within a minute or two after the light was put out, there was a cry for a light, and Mr. Herne was seen by four persons falling from above, on to his chair. There were bundles of clothes belonging to Mr. Guppy, Mrs. Guppy, and Miss Neyland on the table, and Mr. Herne declared he had just seen Miss Neyland in Mrs. Guppy's house ; that she had pushed the clothes into his arms, and told him to ' go to the devil.' The light was again put out, and when it was struck once more, Mr. Williams was missing. He was found in the next room, lying in an insensible state on some clothes belonging to Mr. Guppy. He said on awaking that he had been to Mr. Guppy's house, and saw Miss Neyland, who was sitting at a table, and seemed to be praying."

N. Haqger, 46, Moorgate-street.

Caroline Edmiston, Beckenham.

C. E. Edwards, Kilburn-square, Kilburn.

Henry Morris, Mount Trafford, Eccles, near Manchester.

Elizabeth Guppy, 1, Morland Villas, Highbury Hill Park, N.

Ernest Edwards, Kilburn-square, Kilburn.

Henry Clifford Smith, 38, Ennis-road, Stroudgreen.

H. B. Husk, 26, Sandwich-street,

W.C. Charles E. Williams, 61, Lamb's Conduitstreet, W.C.

E. Herne, Gl, Lamb's Conduit-street, W.C.

W. H. Harrison, Wilmin Villa, Chaucer - road, S.E."

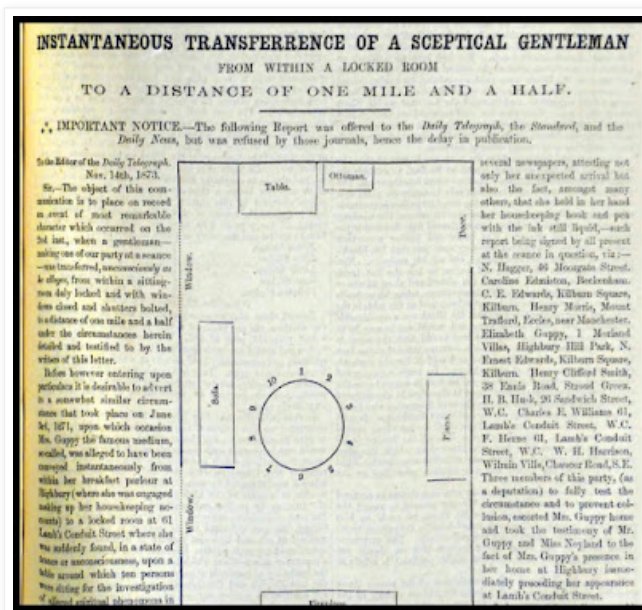
We have here an astonishing report of a seance in a dark room with locked doors. The witnesses claim that a woman living quite a distance away was inexplicably deposited on the round table that they surrounded. There is no way to explain this report by imagining some kind of trickery by one or two people. The only halfway-credible hypothesis a skeptic might use to

dismiss the report is to claim that the report is all a big lie, and that nothing of the sort happened. Here the skeptic is forced into becoming a conspiracy theorist, imagining some conspiracy by witnesses who falsely claimed to have seen something they never saw.

Crookes also refers in his paper to a report of a teleportation of a Mr. Henderson. The account first appeared in the December 5, 1873 edition of the publication *Medium and Daybreak*, which you can read using the link below:

http://iapsop.com/archive/materials/medium_and_daybreak/medium_and_daybreak_v4_n192_dec_5_1873.pdf

Below is an image from the front page of that publication.

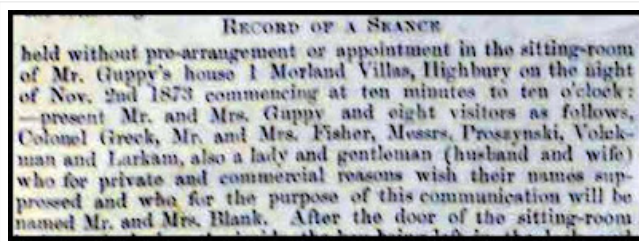


We read this:

"To the Editor of the Daily Telegraph. Nov. 14th, 1873,—

The object of this communication is to place on record an event of most remarkable character which occurred on the 2nd inst., when a gentleman-making one of our party at a seance - was transferred, instantaneously as he alleges, from within a sitting-room duly locked and with windows closed and shutters bolted, to a distance of one mile and a half under the circumstances herein detailed and testified to by the writers of this letter...."

The preserved version of the next page of [the edition](#) (page 562) is rather hard to read in some spots, but we get the main details about the seance, when it was held, its location (Mr. Guppy's house) and who were the witnesses:

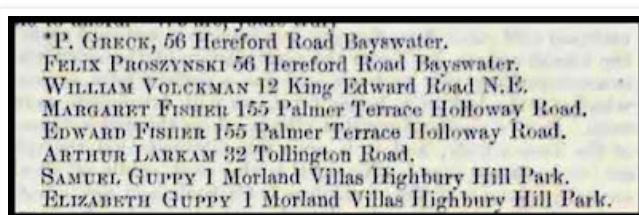


The persons at the dark seance expressed various wishes, and Mrs. Guppy expressed the wish that someone might be carried out of the room. The table was reported to have made dramatic movements. After several minutes, it was found that the Mr. Blank (a pseudonym for a person who did not wish to give his name) had mysteriously vanished from the ring of attendees holding the hands of each other in the dark seance room. Reportedly a message was given that Mr. Blank had been carried away and would not be seen that evening. Apparently the physical arrangement of the room meant that no one could have left without an opening of a door which would have caused light to pour into the dark room, light that no one observed.

The vanished Mr. Blank gave a report that he found himself in a disoriented state, far away from the seance he had been in at Mr. Guppy's house. He reported that he found himself at the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes, giving their address of 29 Kingsdown Road, and that he was "wholly unconscious of how he had got into their premises." He stated that he had no memory of how he had got from the seance room at Mr. Guppy's house to the location of 29 Kingsdown Road, about two miles away. Hearing this strange account from Mr. Blank, some of the members of the seance at Mr. Guppy's house went and interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Stokes, getting an account that was consistent with Mr. Blank's account.

The Mr. Blank of the account (a pseudonym of someone who did not wish to give his name) was apparently the Mr. Henderson referred to in the paper by Crookes.

The account has on page 562 with nine named witnesses agreeing to the testimony supplied. On the next page we have these named witnesses agreeing to the supplied account:



As evidence of a teleportation, the account here is weaker than the account of the teleportation of Mrs. Guppy, largely because of the refusal of the supposedly teleported person to give his real name. Accounts which hinge on the testimony of anonymous witnesses must be ranked as second-class evidence rather than first-class evidence. But the account of teleportation of Mrs. Guppy (to the ire of materialists) has the hallmarks of first-class observational evidence.



Press accounts of apparitions seen by more than one

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Friday, January 17, 2025

Naked-Eye Sightings of Mysterious Orbs (Part 9)

Below are some posts I have published about people reporting they saw mysterious orbs with the naked eye:

[Naked-Eye Sightings of Mysterious Orbs \(Part 1 of 4\)](#)

[Naked-Eye Sightings of Mysterious Orbs \(Part 2 of 4\)](#)

[Naked-Eye Sightings of Mysterious Orbs \(Part 3 of 4\)](#)

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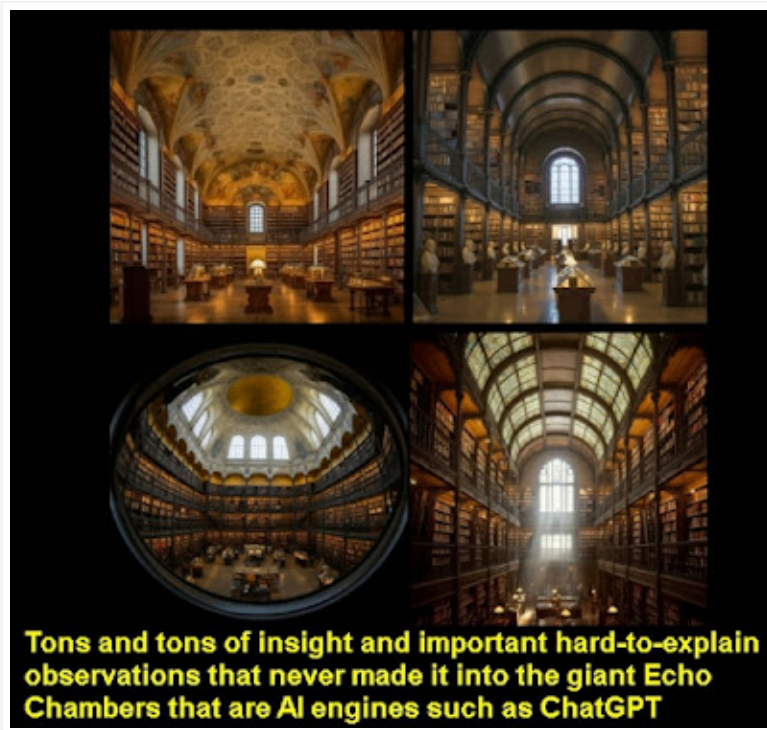
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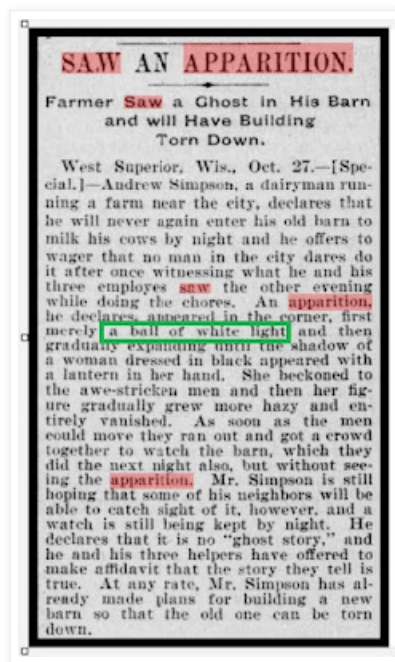
[Naked Eye Sightings of Mysterious Orbs \(Part 7\)](#)

[Naked-Eye Sightings of Mysterious Orbs \(Part 8\)](#)

Let us look at some more cases of this type, which you will never hear about when addressing questions to your latest-and-greatest AI chatbot query tool.



Below is a startling news report from the November 1, 1899 edition of the Washburn Times:



You can read the report on its original page using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85040437/1899-11-01/ed-1/seq-2/>

In an [article](#) entitled "A Memoir Offers an Insider's Perspective Into the Pentagon's U.F.O. Hunt," the New York Times reports that Luis Elizondo, who "ran highly classified programs for both the White House and the National Security Council," says that

he saw mysterious green orbs flying around in his house. We read this:

"Elizondo also wrote in the memoir of personal encounters with U.A.P., describing green-glowing orbs about the size of a basketball that invaded his home on and off for over seven years. The objects were able to pass through walls, and behaved as if they were under intelligent control, he wrote.

The orbs were also witnessed by his wife, two daughters and their neighbors, he wrote."

We have four police witnesses of a spooky orb that moves from a road into the woods, and then changes color from yellow to red before disappearing.

The account below is one of the most spectacular orb reports ever. We read of a man (Stuart Blue Harary, with a preferred name of Blue Harary) who had an out-of-body experience in which he reports his soul visiting friends. Harary claims that two of his friends reported seeing a ball of light at the same time as these "soul visits" occurred.



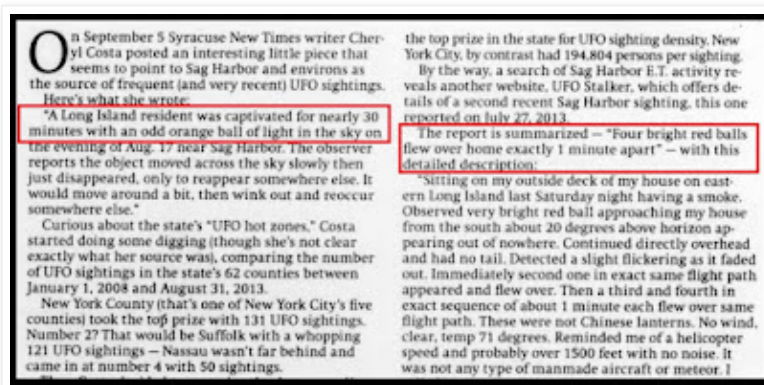
You can read the full story using the line below:

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I had discussed the same person and his out-of-body experiences in my post [here](#). Scott Rogo's research work with Blue Harary (Stuart Blue Harary) is described in Chapter 8 of his book *Mind Beyond the Body: The Mystery of ESP Projection*, which can be read [here](#).

The account in the image above is imperfect from an evidence standpoint, as it lacks the names of the corroborating witnesses. If you ever witness what you think is the paranormal, try to get the names of any corroborating witnesses, and ideally try and publish their names. If the witnesses do not want to have their names published, you can state in your report that you have the name of a corroborating witness, and can supply it upon request to a serious researcher such as an author, journalist, scientist or long-time scholar of related topics.

Below from 2013 are two reports of people seeing mysterious orbs in the sky:



You can read the full account here:

<https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/?a=d&d=she20130912-01.1.15&srpos=34&e=-----en-20--1--txt-txIN----->

Below is a 2008 story appearing in the publication *Psychic News* (click on the image to read it more clearly):



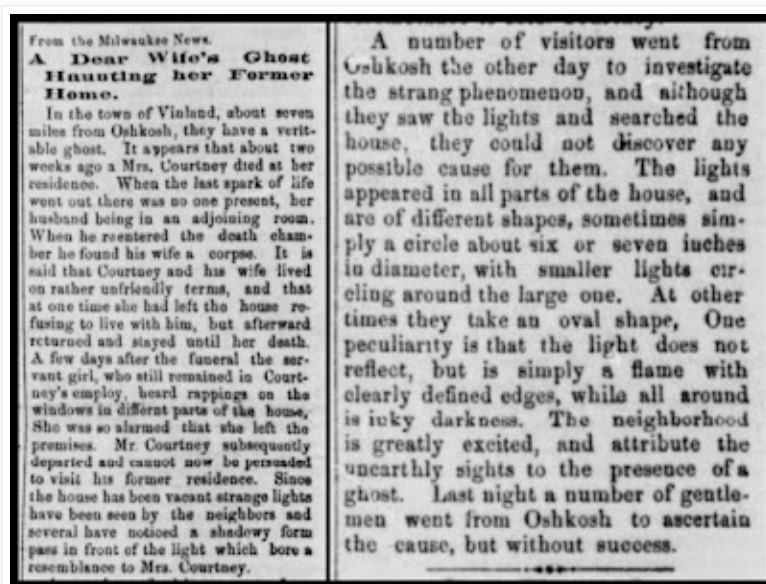
You can read the full account using the link below:

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On the page [here](#), we read this:

"Fort Ontario has acquired a number of ghost stories. There is a nameless ghost in blue who wanders around the parade ground, and a luminous ball of light that is said to be seen near the guard posts at late night."

The story below appeared in an 1873 newspaper story (click on the image to read it more clearly). We read of an apparition that sometimes takes a circular shape:



The story first appeared on the newspaper page shown below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85033255/1873-12-12/ed-1/seq-1/>

Below is a report from the Niagara, New York "Journal Register" of November 4, 1983.

*"What is the explanation for the strange phenomenon which has been taking place over the steeple of a Protestant church in West Germany, in the town of Wanfried? **Ever since early July, a mysterious ball of red light has been appearing nightly over the church. Thousands have seen it.** Is it a hoax? An optical illusion? The result of mass hysteria? Or is it - as many who have seen it maintain - a supernatural occurrence?"*

Stray reports of visions are not that rare. But for an apparition to reappear regularly over a period of more than three months is extraordinary - even [if] there is some good explanation for it. So far, though, nobody has come up with an explanation. The possibility has been mentioned that the brilliant light of the apparition is 'St. Elmo's fire,' a flaming phenomenon sometimes seen in stormy weather at prominent points on a plane or ship or at the tops of church steeples. It a charge of electricity, which is reddish when positive (the ball of light over the German church has been described as red), and bluish when negative. But St, Elmo's fire is not known to appear in fair weather as is the case with the apparition in Germany. "

You can read the report below, on the top left corner of a page (page 17) which also describes another case that may be even harder to explain: the Zeitoun apparition case.

<https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/?a=d&d=jnr19831104-01.1.17&srpos=5&e=-----en-20--1--txt-txIN-%22mysterious+ball%22----->

At the link below, we read of two police officers who chased a "ball of light" UFO in the sky, reporting that the speed of the object seemed to match the speed of their vehicle:

<https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/?a=d&d=crp19741024-01.1.15&srpos=26&e=-----en-20--21--txt-txIN-%22ball+of+light%22----->

A similar report (involving a "big ball of light") is found here:

<https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/?a=d&d=sacn19671221-01.1.12&srpos=32&e=-----en-20--21--txt-txIN-%22ball+of+light%22----->

Similarly, in the 2013 story here we read of someone seeing an orange ball of light in the sky for 30 minutes, and someone else reporting four red balls of light flying over his home, including a "very bright red ball."

<https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/?a=d&d=she20130912-01.1.15&srpos=34&e=-----en-20--21--txt-txIN-%22ball+of+light%22----->

The 1911 report below discusses a "ball of fire" lingering in the sky between 30 seconds and six minutes (according to different witness accounts):



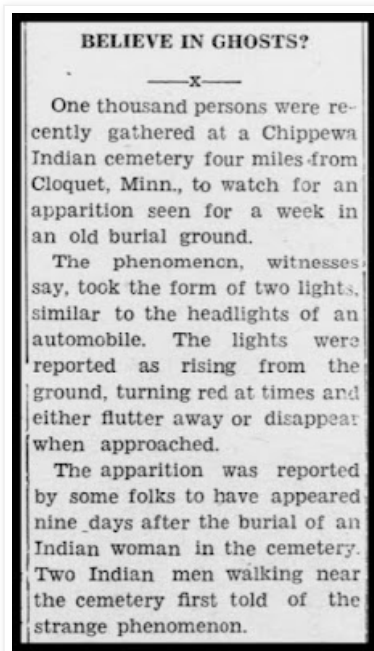
You can read the report on the page here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85058397/1911-08-12/ed-1/seq-8/>

The old newspaper account below can be read at the link here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn94050088/1931-11-06/ed-1/seq-1/>

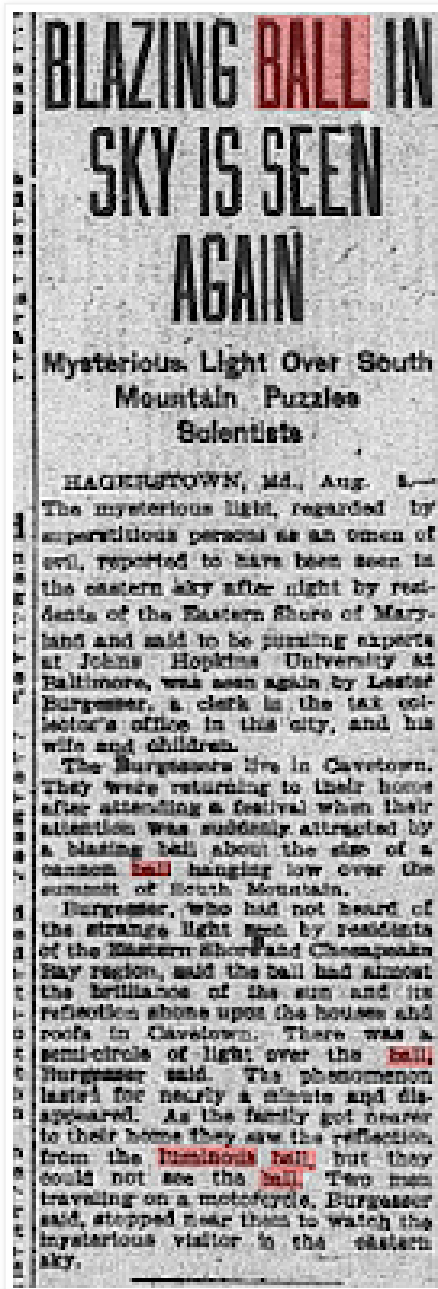
We read of a thousand gathering to see what look like luminous lights rising from a grave:



The report below appeared in a 1924 newspaper account you can read here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026749/1924-08-05/ed-1/seq-2/>

We read of "a blazing ball about the size of a cannon ball hanging low over the summit of South Mountain." Since we read that this puzzled scientists, we may presume that it could not be explained as the moon



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Sunday, January 5, 2025

[Using Binomial Probability Calculators to Clarify the Strength of Telepathy Test Results](#)

There is a huge body of literature collectively proving the reality of extrasensory perception (ESP), also called telepathy.

Unfortunately much of the literature is written by writers who failed to effectively communicate how improbable it is the results they reported could be explained by chance. There is no excuse for an ESP investigator to fail to clearly explain the improbability of very improbable results that he got. Such an investigator is already climbing a steep hill that results from the senseless stubbornness of people who refuse to accept observational results they cannot explain under their presumptions. If the investigator wants to convince people, he needs to clearly communicate exactly how improbable are the improbable results he achieved.

For example, if you are an ESP experimenter who had people guess the colors of randomly selected playing cards, and you got a result of 496 successes out of 830 trials, it is not at all sufficient to merely point out that such a result is 81 successes more than expected by chance. A reader may not realize that such a result should be expected on less than 1 in a million trials.

Luckily nowadays there is a type of online tool you can use to help clarify what the probability was when extremely unlikely results were achieved. The tool is called a binomial probability calculator. The tool is easy to use, and typically involves three inputs:

- (1) The number of trials.
- (2) The chance of success on any trial.
- (3) How many successes occurred.

Using a binomial probability calculator, you can type in all of these numbers, and press a button, typically marked "Calculate" or "Compute." You then will be given some results that clarify how likely such a result was.

You can find such calculators by typing "binomial probability calculator" into a search engine. The first result that will come up is the Stat Trek binomial probability calculator available [here](#). This calculator works well for calculating improbabilities that are not too small. But the Stat Trek binomial probability calculator has the imperfection that it reports extremely low probabilities as being zero.

I can give an example. Let us imagine an ESP test in which people are asked to guess the color of 830 playing cards randomly chosen at some interval in a shuffled deck in another room. Suppose there are 472 correct guesses. If you put the

corresponding numbers into the Stat Trek binomial probability calculator, you will get the result shown below:

Probability of success on a trial	.5
Number of trials	830
Number of successes (x)	472
Binomial probability: $P(X=472)$	0.00001
Cumulative probability: $P(X<472)$	0.99996
Cumulative probability: $P(X\leq 472)$	0.99997
Cumulative probability: $P(X>472)$	0.00003
Cumulative probability: $P(X\geq 472)$	0.00004

Calculate

On the last row the calculator shows the chance of getting a result greater than or equal to 472 is only about .00004. But imagine if you change the "number of successes" input to be 496, which was the actual result in an ESP test reported [here](#). Now, the Stat Trek calculator will incorrectly claim that there was a zero chance of such a result:

Probability of success on a trial	.5
Number of trials	830
Number of successes (x)	496
Binomial probability: $P(X=496)$	0
Cumulative probability: $P(X<496)$	1
Cumulative probability: $P(X\leq 496)$	1
Cumulative probability: $P(X>496)$	0
Cumulative probability: $P(X\geq 496)$	0

Calculate

This is not quite right, because the probability of such a result is very low, but not zero. To get the correct result, you will need to use a different binomial probability calculator, such as the one at www.wolframalpha.com.

The binomial probability calculator at that site can be found [here](#). The calculator has a rather confusing appearance. Rather than an input labeled as "number of successes," we have

an input confusingly labeled as "endpoint." When using the calculator, it is best to put in the number of successes in the "endpoint" slot, subtracting 1 from the actual number of successes. Here is the result of using the calculator with the example above:

The screenshot shows a web-based binomial distribution calculator. At the top, there are three input fields: "number of trials" with the value 830, "success probability" with the value 1/2, and "endpoint" with the value 495. Below these fields is a red "Compute" button. Underneath the button, a note reads "Assuming endpoint | Use left endpoint and right endpoint instead". The main content area is divided into two sections. The first section, titled "Input information", contains a table with the following data:

probabilities for the binomial distribution	
number of trials	830
success probability	$\frac{1}{2}$
endpoint	495

The second section, titled "Probabilities", contains a table with the following data:

$x < 495$	$1 - 1.552 \times 10^{-8}$
$x = 495$	5.138×10^{-9}
$x > 495$	1.038×10^{-8}

Now we have (in the last row) a page correctly telling us about the unlikelihood of the reported result. (If you don't understand the way the calculator expresses these very low probabilities, look up the topic of scientific notation, finding a page like [this](#) one.) In an ESP test in which people are asked to guess the color of 830 playing cards randomly chosen in a shuffled deck in another room, at particular intervals, the chance of getting 495 or more successful guesses is 1 in 1.038 times 10 to the eighth power, about 1 in 100 million. This is exactly the result reported in row 1 of the table you can see using the link [here](#). The table is shown below:

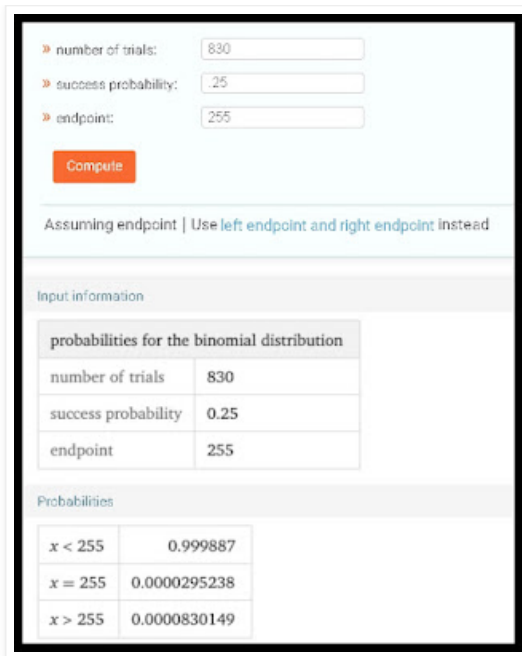
TABLE NO. 1. COLOR								
Number of experiments in various series, number of correct guesses chance would allow, and number of correct guesses actually obtained as to the color of the various cards. Ordinary playing cards used.								
	SERIES 1 (28 Cases)		SERIES 2 (33 Cases)		SERIES 3 (22 Cases)		TOTAL (83 Cases)	
	Chance	Actual	Chance	Actual	Chance	Actual	Chance	Actual
First 10 cards..	140	169	165	196	110	131	415	496
Second 10 cards	140	159	165	168	110	115	415	442
Total (20 cards)	280	328	330	364	220	246	830	938

TABLE NO. 2. SUITE								
Same data as in Table No. 1, but analyzed as to suite.								
	SERIES 1 (28 Cases)		SERIES 2 (33 Cases)		SERIES 3 (22 Cases)		TOTAL (83 Cases)	
	Chance	Actual	Chance	Actual	Chance	Actual	Chance	Actual
First 10 cards..	70	88	82.5	101	55	67	207.5	256
Second 10 cards	70	83	82.5	73	55	61	207.5	217
Total (20 cards)	140	171	165	174	110	128	415	473

The results [were published](#) in 1927 by Professor G. H. Estabrooks, professor of psychology at Colgate University. The technique used to get these results is described at the link [here](#) and in the next several pages you can read using that link. The results were produced using a variety of subjects, with the tested subject and the card drawer in adjacent rooms that were separated by a closed door. A signal that it was time to guess the suit or the color of the card was sent by a telegraph-like apparatus.

The tests above show a kind of "fatigue" effect, in which the guesses are more likely to be true at the beginning than the end. I am not at all surprised to read of such a result. In my [post](#) "How to Test ESP or Telepathy Using Your Friends or Family Members," I recommend doing very short tests allowing three or four guesses, over multiple days, without the test ever lasting more than a few minutes. Such a method is best to avoid the "fatigue" effect shown above. I have sometimes got great success in informal brief tests of ESP using family members, which I describe in my post [here](#).

Here is the result I get using the www.wolframalpha.com binomial probability calculator to calculate the first row of Table 2 shown in the visual above.



» number of trials: 830
 » success probability: .25
 » endpoint: 255

Compute

Assuming endpoint | Use left endpoint and right endpoint instead

Input information

probabilities for the binomial distribution	
number of trials	830
success probability	0.25
endpoint	255

Probabilities

$x < 255$	0.999887
$x = 255$	0.0000295238
$x > 255$	0.0000830149

We have the calculation that when guessing the suits (diamonds, spades, clubs or hearts) of 830 shuffled cards, the probability of getting more than 255 successes is .000083.

The two probabilities are independent; in other words, the probability of getting the first result by chance does not affect the probability of getting the second result by chance. A chief rule of probability calculation is that when you have two independent results with a probability of x and y , the probability of getting both of them (in two consecutive trials) is x times y . For example, the probability of drawing the ace of spades twice in a row from a newly shuffled full deck is 1 in 52 times 1 in 52, or 1 in 2704. Using this rule we can calculate that the chance of getting both the result in the first row of Table 1 shown above and the result in the first row of Table 2 shown above is roughly 1 in 100 million multiplied by .000083, which equals .0000000000008 or roughly 1 in a trillion (1 in 1,000,000,000,000). That's a result we never would expect to get by chance in any of the formal academic ESP tests ever done, since the number of tests done is relatively small, much less than 1 million. It's a level of success we would not expect to get from mere chance even once if every person on Earth was tested for their telepathy ability five different times.

The results in the table above are by not by any means the most impressive ESP tests ever produced. Vastly more impressive results are reported here and here and [here](#). The laboratory evidence for ESP is overwhelming, and binomial probability calculators help to clarify how strong such evidence is.

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Scientists Saying "It Was Just a Hallucination" Are Like a Cheating Husband Telling a Wife She Hallucinated

Wife: Who was that half-naked woman I just saw running down the stairs of our house as I entered?

Cheating

husband: No, you couldn't have seen that.

Wife: Why not?

Cheating husband:

Because I am a faithful husband who never cheats on his wife.

Wife: So how come I saw that half-naked woman who ran down the stairs of our house as I entered?

Cheating husband: You must have just been hallucinating.

Wife: But I even talked with her, demanding she explain herself. She gave some crazy story that she accidentally walked into the wrong house,

Layman: I saw my deceased mother's ghost today.

Materialist scientist: No, you couldn't have seen that.

Layman: Why not?

Materialist scientist: Because people are just brains, so when the brain dies, you die forever.

Layman: So how come I saw my mother's ghost?

Materialist scientist: You must have just been hallucinating.

Layman: But I had a long conversation with my mother's ghost. And the president of a major university [reported that he had many long conversations with his wife's ghost](#).

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and started to take off her clothes so she could shower.

Cheating husband: It must have been a simultaneous auditory and visual hallucination.

Wife: But I'm a perfectly sane person, not someone who hallucinates. And I've asked the neighbors, and they say they keep seeing scantily clad women exiting our house.

Cheating husband: All of those people must have also been hallucinating.

Wife: But I talked to three people who all saw a scantily clad woman exiting our house last Sunday.

Cheating husband: That must have been a coincidence, in which more than one person hallucinated exactly the same thing.

Wife: But what about those strange woman's panties I sometimes find under our bed? They are not any panties I ever bought.

Cheating husband: You can't have seen that, because I'm a totally faithful husband.

Wife: So why did I see such panties not just once, but several times?

Cheating husband: It must have been another one of your hallucinations.

Materialist scientist: It must have been a simultaneous auditory and visual hallucination.

Layman: But I'm a perfectly sane person, not someone who hallucinates. And very many other people have reported seeing the same thing I saw -- [a ghost of their relative](#).

Materialist scientist: All those people must have also been hallucinating.

Layman: There are many cases in which multiple witnesses see the same apparition.

Materialist scientist: That must have been a coincidence, in which more than one person hallucinated exactly the same thing.

Layman: I talked to my friend. He said that when he almost died in a heart attack, he floated out of his body, and could see his whole body from two meters above.

Materialist scientist: That could not have happened, because each person is just a brain, not some soul that can leave the body.

Layman: So why did my friend say he saw that?

Materialist scientist: He must have just been hallucinating.

Layman: But many other people also report [leaving their bodies in out-of-body experiences](#). And sometimes they see things they

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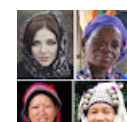
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Wife: I asked the clerks at the local motels. They say you keep renting motel rooms while you're with some blonde woman much younger than me.

Cheating husband: All of them must be hallucinating, and coincidentally having the same hallucination.

Wife: So just coincidentally all of these people including me are having all these different hallucinations that all seem to give the false idea that you are cheating on me?

Cheating husband: Exactly.

Wife: How very convenient, that whenever someone reports seeing evidence of your adultery, you always just say that they were hallucinating!

would never have seen if they stayed in their bodies, with the observations verified by others.

Materialist scientist: All of them must be hallucinating, and coincidentally having the same hallucination.

Layman: So just coincidentally all of these people including me are having all these different hallucinations that all seem to give the false idea that we are souls that can survive death and leave our bodies?

Materialist scientist: Exactly.

Layman: How very convenient, that whenever someone reports seeing something that discredits your materialist beliefs, you always just say that they were hallucinating!

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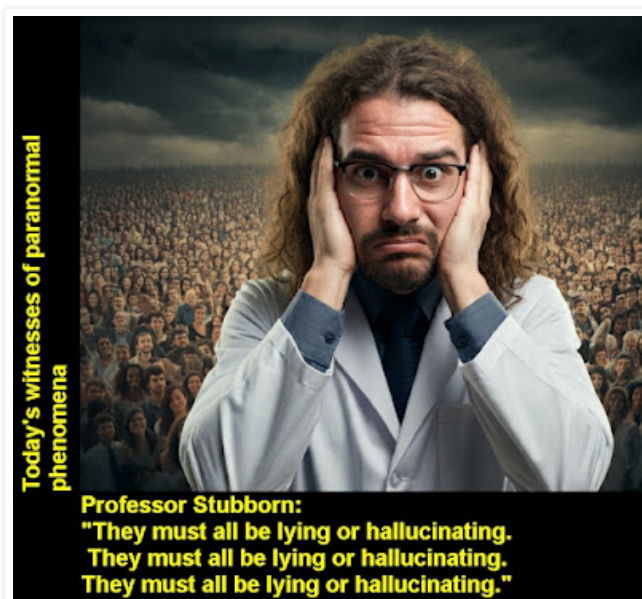
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Veridical Apparitions Are Not Very Rare

In the series of posts listed below I gave many examples of people who saw an apparition of someone they did not know was dead, only to soon learn that the person had died about the same time the apparition was seen:

[An Apparition Was Their Death Notice](#)

[25 Who Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)

[25 More Who Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)

[Yet Another 25 Who Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)

[Scientific American's Very Lame "Ghost Explanations"](#)

[They Also Were "Ghost Told" of a Death](#)

[More Accounts of Veridical Apparitions](#)

[Even More Cases of Veridical Apparitions](#)

[When Apparitions Serve as Announcements](#)

[Still More Cases of Veridical Apparitions](#)

[When Apparitions Act as News Bulletins](#)

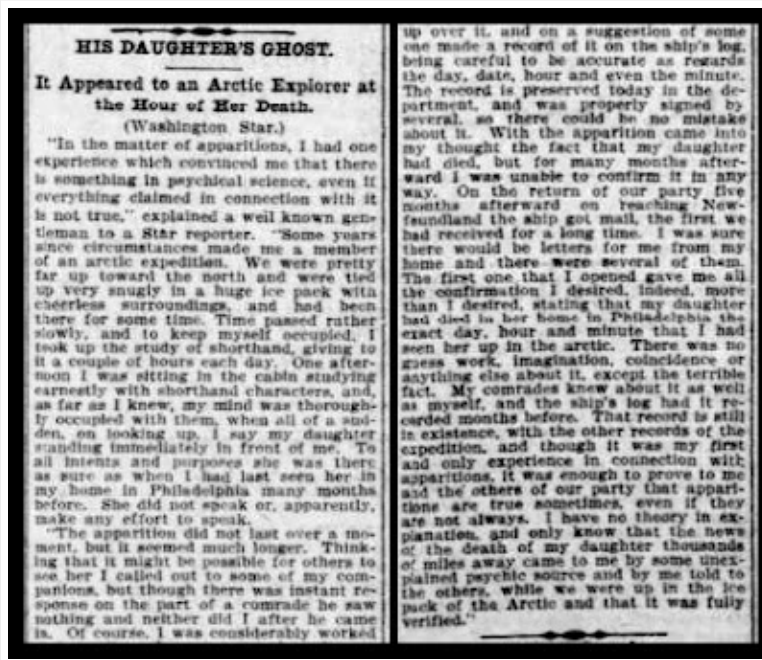
[They Too Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)

[They Seemed to Ghost-Learn of Someone's Death](#)

[It Seemed Her Suicide Was Not Her End](#)

Let us look at some more cases of this type, which are sometimes called crisis apparitions or veridical apparitions. In the newspaper report below, we read of an Arctic explorer who saw an apparition of his daughter while the explorer was in icy wastes very far from Philadelphia, where the daughter lived. The explorer wrote down the day when this apparition appeared. Months later he found the daughter had died on the same day.

- [A "Water Memory" Effect I Have Often Photographed](#)
- [25 Who Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)
- [Why the Origin of Language Is Inexplicable Under Orthodox Assumptions](#)
- [Visualizing a Top-Down Theory of Mind and Cosmic Connectivity](#)
- [Disastrous Blunders of the Experts](#)
- [Cosmic Coincidence Cover-up](#)
- [The Gigantic Missing Link of Biological Life](#)
- [Cosmic Fine-Tuning Visualized](#)
- [Why Machines Will Not Soon Be as Intelligent as Men](#)
- [Cloud Computing and the Concept of Non-local Consciousness](#)
- [There Is No Plausible Explanation For How Brains Can Store Very Long-Term Memory](#)
- [The Top 6 Problems With Using a Multiverse to Explain Cosmic Fitness](#)
- ["Vacuum Catastrophe" Should Be Called the Vacuum Miracle](#)
- [Why the Origin of Humans Is an Unsolved Mystery](#)
- [The Best Basis for Believing in an Afterlife Is Something Other Than Paranormal Phenomena](#)
- [Still More Dreams or Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)
- [The Evidence for Out-of-Body Experiences](#)
- [GOAL and Soul: Postulating What We Need to Explain Humans](#)
- [The Chemistry Professors Who Documented the Paranormal](#)
- [The Degenerative Spiral of "Grand Explanation" Academia](#)
- [The Complexity Concealments of Shrink-Speaking Professors](#)
- [The Hypothesis of Continuous Life-Force Dependency](#)
- [Our Luxury Results Debunk the Multiverse As an Explanation](#)



You can read the account below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85058130/1902-06-27/ed-1/seq-4/>

The 1996 account below tells of a pilot who seemed to see an apparition of another pilot days before he learned of the pilot's death:



You can read the full story here:

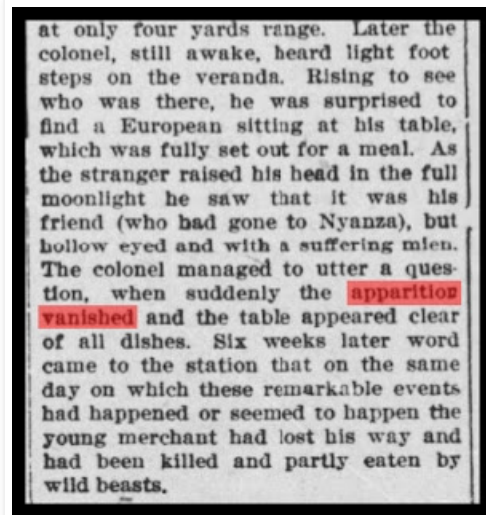
- Anatomically Uninformative DNA, Nonfunctional Intermediates and the Uselessness of Early Stages Are Why Gradualism Does Not Work
- 30 Misleading Terms Used in Science Literature
- The Bigelow Prize Essays on the Best Evidence for Life After Death
- The Top 27 Numbers to Ponder When Judging the Chance of Accidental Biological Origins
- Any Pathway to an Afterlife Realm Implies the Possibility of Reverse Visits
- 120+ Types of Paranormal or Anomalous Experiences
- The Philosophy of Teleospiritism
- Why We Were Told So Often the Huge Lie That DNA Is a Specification for Building Humans
- 7 Navigation Problems That Discredit Materialism and Ideas of Accidental Life
- Candid Confessions of the Scientists
- Some Recommended Online Reading
- Professors Persist in "Proud Preston" Pretending
- Some Accidentally Unachievable Molecular Machines in Your Body
- A Short History of Materialism
- Grant Them an Infinity of Planets and They Still Cannot Explain Life or Mind
- Spookiest Years, Part 12: The Year 1874
- The Top 10 Unsolved Problems of Science: A Candid List
- 4 Reasons Why Very Much of Protein Complex Origination Is Physically Inexplicable
- 40+ Leading Researchers of the Paranormal
- The Missing Specifications Problem in Biology
- Problems a Hundred Miles Over Our Heads

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A 1906 paper tells us this about a Colonel Longfeld who was "ghost-told" of someone's death:



You can read the full account here:

<https://www.loc.gov/resource/sn85034374/1906-01-20/ed-1/?sp=7&q=+%22apparition+vanished%22&r=0.365,0.594,0.44,0.21,0>

Next I have an eerie case that rather seems to be a case of someone named Campbell being "ghost-told" of his own death. The account comes from [pages 337-338](#) of the 1864 book "Savage Africa" by William Winwood Reade. It's an account we might call "The Fatal Bed":

"Mr. Beale was taken on board the 'Dover,' shook hands with the captain on deck, went below, and expired almost immediately. Mr. Trestrail, his colleague, sat down to write out the case... Toward the end the hand-writing changes its character, becomes uneven, and sometimes scarcely legible. A few hours afterward Trestrail was a corpse. The two surgeons were buried together.

Mr. Campbell wrote out a report of Mr. Trestrail's case. He slept alone in the surgeons' quarters, in the same bed in which the two others had died.

A palisade was being erected around their grave. Mr. Savage is a mulatto trader on the island. A few days afterward Campbell

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Featured Post

Psychic Experiences in the News, Part 2

Here is the second in a series of videos I am making about news accounts of ESP, precognition, out-of-body experiences, prophetic dreams ...



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came to him and asked him to give him a bed. Savage complied with his request.

'Don't you like your quarters?' he said.

'No,' replied Campbell. '***I have seen Beale.*** And, Savage,' he added, '*I shall never see my poor wife and children any more.*'

As the palisade round the grave was finished Dr. Campbell also died."

We may presume that Campbell became convinced he would soon die because he saw the apparition of Beale. In the next pages we are told of two materialists claiming what sounds like dramatic and varied poltergeist activity in the following days.

The newspaper account below tells of a 3-year-old who did not know his mother was dead, at the time he seemed to see an apparition of the mother:



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87065501/1906-07-07/ed-1/seq-7/>

At the link [here](#), we read a newspaper account of a Colonel Langfeld seeing an apparition while in east Africa:

- Anfin's Dogma (2)
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- apparition of the living (6)
- apparition seen by multiple witnesses (16)
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- aquatic mega-patternization (1)
- archaeology (1)
- argument against brain storage of all memories (20)
- argument for soul (17)
- argument from evil (3)
- Artemis (1)
- artificial intelligence (7)
- artificial planets (1)
- artificial worlds (1)
- asteroid mining (1)
- asteroids (1)
- astral projection (1)
- astrobiology (2)
- astroengineering (3)
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- atheism (3)
- augmented reality (2)
- aura (1)
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- Australian mystery lights (1)
- auto-scheduling of future posts on this site (1)
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- bad predictions (3)
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- BICEP2 (10)
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- biosafety (1)
- biosignatures (1)

"Rising to see who was there, he was surprised to find a European sitting at his table, which was fully set out for a meal. As the stranger raised his head in the full moonlight he saw that it was his friend (who had gone to Nyanza), but hollow eyed and with a suffering mien. The colonel managed to utter a question, when suddenly the apparition vanished and the table appeared clear of all dishes. Six weeks later word came to the station that on the same day on which these remarkable events had happened or seemed to happen the young merchant had lost his way and had been killed and partly eaten by wild beasts."

In the account below, someone tells of seeing an apparition of her brother, holding a telegram announcing his death, with both the apparition and the telegram vanishing. Three days later the telegraph announcing the death arrived, in permanent physical form.

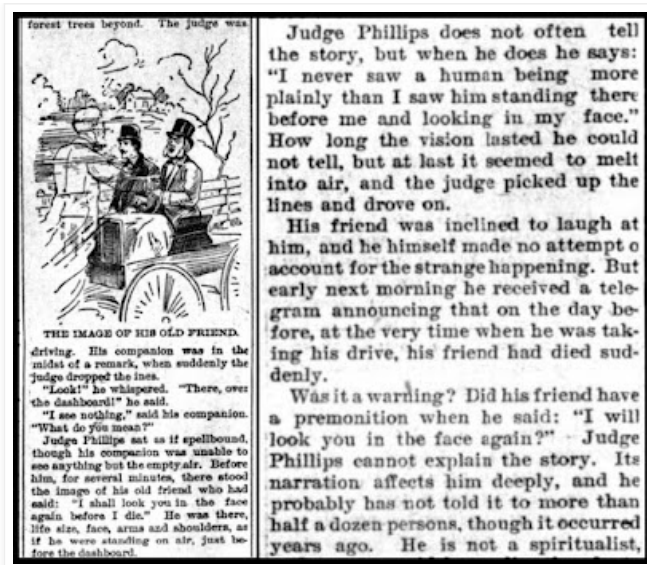


The account below appeared in the Napa Valley Register in 1922, and can be read [here](#). We read this:

"Edward Fitzgerald, the translator of 'Omar' and one of the least superstitious of men, told of an apparition he was quite unable to explain on natural lines. He saw clearly his sister and her children having tea in his dining room, through the window from his garden, although they were not visiting him at the time. He also saw his sister quietly withdraw from the room, as though fearing to disturb the children. At that moment she died in Norfolk."

An 1897 newspaper account tells of a Judge Phillips who had a friend who promised when they parted, "I shall look you to the face again before I die." The two never met again under normal conditions. But while riding a carriage, Judge Phillips says he saw an apparition of the friend, one that persisted for minutes. He later learned the friend died about the same time. Below is the middle part of the story:

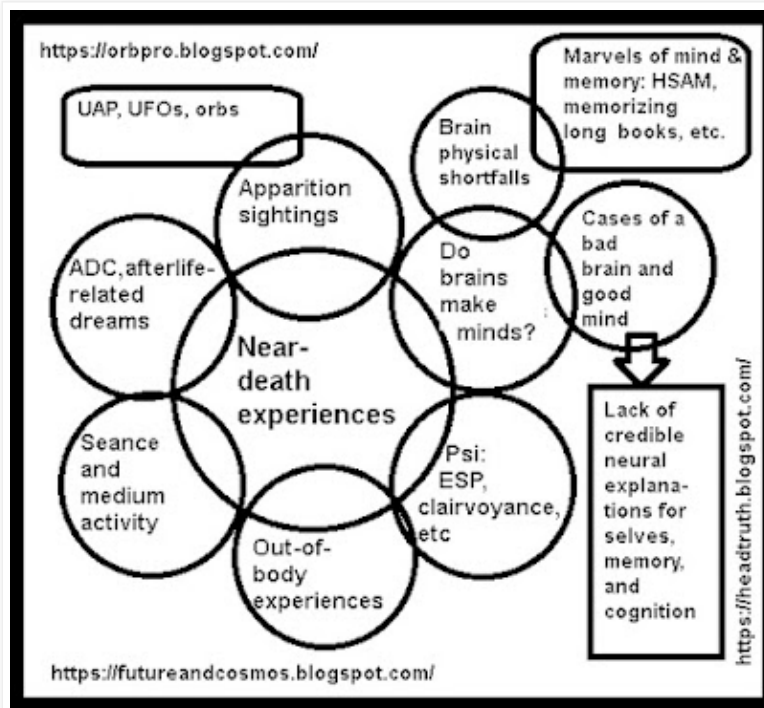
- [Black Holes](#) (5)
- [body double](#) (1)
- [body enhancements](#) (2)
- [body transplants](#) (2)
- [Boltzmann brain](#) (2)
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- [boondoggle](#) (5)
- [bouncing universe](#) (1)
- [brain](#) (46)
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- [brain imaging](#) (3)
- [brain paradoxes](#) (4)
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- [brain research](#) (7)
- [brain scanning](#) (3)
- [brain stimulation](#) (1)
- [Brane cosmology](#) (1)
- [c-value paradox](#) (1)
- [Cambrian Explosion](#) (5)
- [candid quotes of scientists](#) (1)
- [car culture](#) (1)
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- [cosmic destiny](#) (2)



You can read the full story here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86090439/1897-09-12/ed-1/seq-8/#>

Below is a diagram serving to remind you of the philosophical relevance of apparition sightings. Apparition sightings are part of a body of interrelated evidence indicating that we are souls rather than mere outputs of brains. The items in this diagram are discussed [here](#).



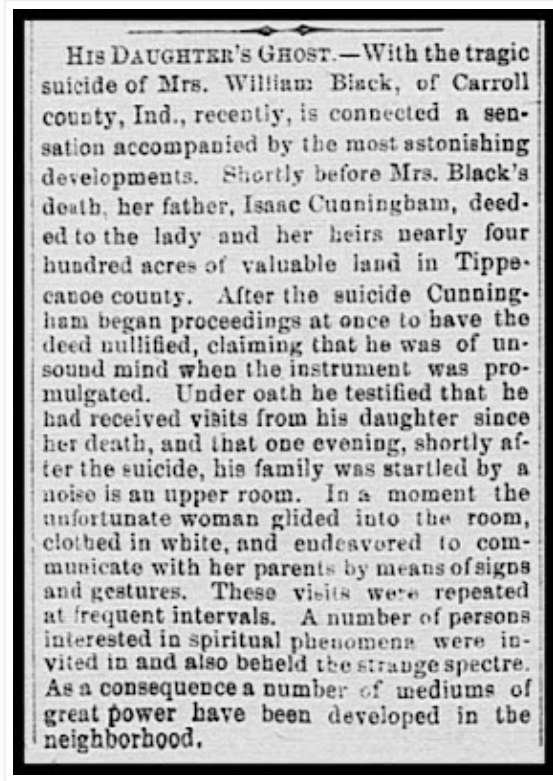
- [cosmic evolution](#) (2)
- [cosmic fine tuning](#) (56)
- [cosmic habitability](#) (5)
- [cosmic history](#) (1)
- [cosmic inflation](#) (26)
- [cosmic layers](#) (1)
- [cosmic life-force](#) (1)
- [cosmic message](#) (1)
- [cosmic mysteries](#) (10)
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- [cyborg](#) (1)
- [cyclical universe](#) (5)
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- [deathbed mist or lights](#) (2)
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- [definition of religion](#) (1)
- [definition of science](#) (1)
- [dehumanization](#) (2)
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- [developmental biology](#) (8)
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When Apparitions Seemed to Act With Persistence (Part 3)

In Part 1 and Part 2 of this series, I examined reports of apparitions that seemed to act in a persistent manner. Below is another report of a persistent ghost:

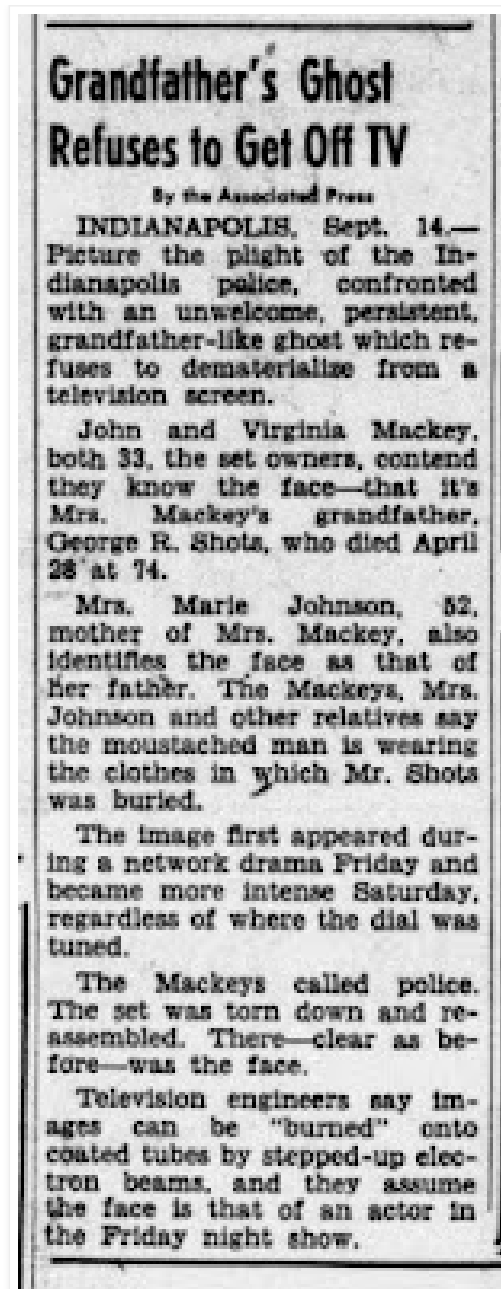


You can read the account below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85025007/1887-03-24/ed-1/seq-1/>

The account below may be a one-of-a-kind report. We read of a ghost haunting a TV set in a very persistent manner:

- [dwarf galaxies](#) (1)
- [dwarf galaxy rotation anomaly](#) (1)
- [dystopia](#) (1)
- [early habitability epoch](#) (1)
- [early Universe](#) (2)
- [earthlights](#) (1)
- [easy life hypothesis](#) (3)
- [education](#) (3)
- [elections](#) (1)
- [electromagnetic pulse attack](#) (1)
- [electromagnetism](#) (4)
- [electrons](#) (3)
- [EmDrive](#) (1)
- [emergence](#) (1)
- [EMP](#) (1)
- [end of the world](#) (5)
- [energy crisis](#) (3)
- [energy forecast](#) (1)
- [energy production](#) (2)
- [engrams](#) (12)
- [entropy](#) (3)
- [environmental degradation](#) (5)
- [epigenetics](#) (1)
- [ESP](#) (74)
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- [extent of Darwinist belief](#) (1)
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- [forecasting](#) (1)



The account can be read here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1954-09-14/ed-1/seq-34/>

We have below a report of what sounds like spectral persistence, with a financial bonanza resulting:

- [Fourth Dimension](#) (1)
- [free will](#) (3)
- [functional threshold](#) (2)
- [fundamental constants](#) (6)
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- [funerals](#) (1)
- [future contrasts](#) (2)
- [future entertainment](#) (2)
- [future eras](#) (1)
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- [future of man](#) (19)
- [future problems](#) (4)
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- [future technology](#) (11)
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- [futurology](#) (2)
- [galactic empire](#) (1)
- [galaxies](#) (7)
- [galaxy formation](#) (7)
- [galaxy spin anomaly](#) (1)
- [gamma ray bursts](#) (2)
- [gaslighting](#) (1)
- [genes](#) (17)
- [genetic engineering](#) (17)
- [genetics](#) (13)
- [geoengineering](#) (2)
- [ghosts](#) (29)
- [global consciousness project](#) (2)
- [global food supply](#) (5)
- [global organizing activity of a life-force \(GOAL\)](#) (4)
- [global risks](#) (1)
- [global warming](#) (22)
- [GMO](#) (3)
- [God](#) (2)
- [gradualism](#) (2)
- [grand unification theories](#) (1)
- [Great Filter](#) (2)
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- [habitable zone](#) (1)
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- [happiness](#) (1)
- [heart attack risk](#) (1)
- [heritability of intelligence](#) (1)
- [hierarchy problem](#) (1)
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- [higher dimension](#) (1)
- [holographs](#) (1)



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82016014/1902-10-10/ed-1/seq-7/>

We have below an account of a persistent-seeming ghost, followed by what sounds like a report of near-death experiences, given in 1972, before that term became well-known.

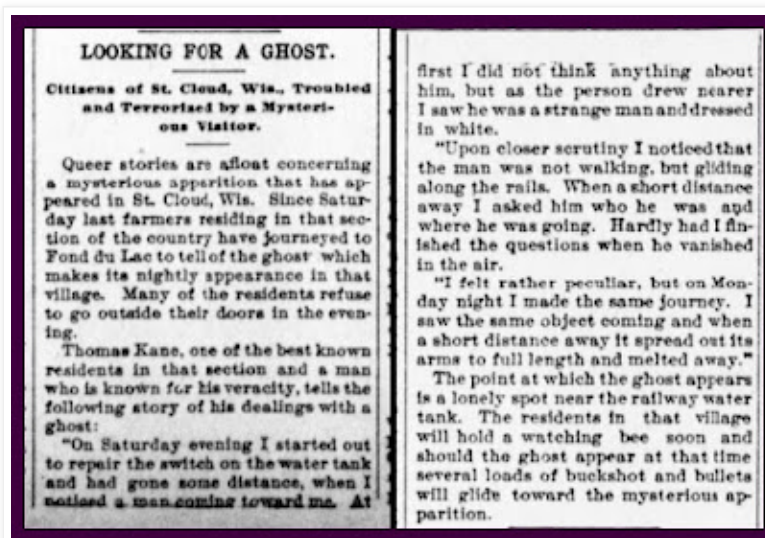
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- [homochirality](#) (2)
- [homosexuality](#) (3)
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- [human body plan](#) (1)
- [human extinction](#) (2)
- [human history](#) (1)
- [human intelligence](#) (4)
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- [hurricanes](#) (1)
- [hypermnnesia](#) (1)
- [hyperthymesia](#) (2)
- [hypnotic trance](#) (17)
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- [ideological regimes](#) (1)
- [immortality](#) (3)
- [inflation theory](#) (6)
- [information](#) (1)
- [integrated information theory](#) (1)
- [intelligent design](#) (2)
- [interplanetary travel](#) (1)
- [interstellar colonization](#) (3)
- [interstellar communication](#) (1)
- [interstellar travel](#) (9)
- [Iraq war](#) (1)
- [K2-18 b](#) (1)
- [Kepler Space Telescope](#) (2)
- [Kepler-78b](#) (1)
- [ketamine](#) (1)
- [Kirlian photography](#) (1)
- [lambda cold dark matter theory](#) (5)
- [language acquisition](#) (2)
- [Large Hadron Collider](#) (2)
- [laws of nature](#) (6)
- [LCDM theory](#) (1)
- [leisure](#) (1)
- [levitation](#) (21)
- [life after death](#) (72)
- [life extension](#) (8)
- [Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment](#) (1)
- [Mad Scientist](#) (1)
- [Many Worlds theory](#) (6)
- [Mars](#) (18)
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- [Mars strange objects](#) (8)
- [materialism](#) (8)
- [materialism as religion](#) (2)
- [materialization](#) (11)



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You can read below an account of least a little apparition persistence:

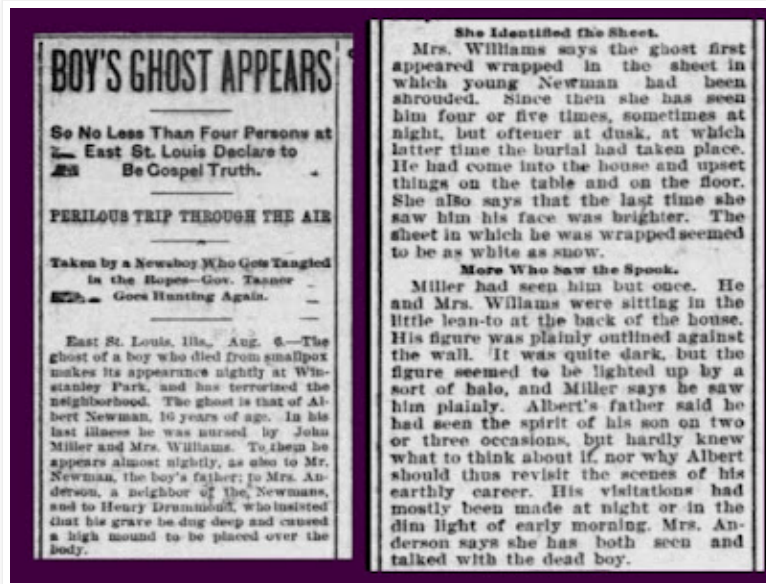


You can read the story here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86069117/1898-08-24/ed-1/seq-2/>

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- [mathematics](#) (2)
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- [meta-analysis](#) (1)
- [meteor](#) (1)
- [methodological naturalism](#) (1)
- [Miller-Urey experiment](#) (1)
- [mind](#) (7)
- [mind linking](#) (1)
- [mind over matter](#) (6)
- [mind uploading](#) (5)
- [mind-reading](#) (4)
- [miracles](#) (2)
- [missing heritability problem](#) (1)
- [missing specifications problem](#) (1)
- [misspeaking scientists](#) (1)
- [molecular biology](#) (8)
- [molecular machinery](#) (2)
- [MOND](#) (1)
- [morphic gravitation](#) (1)
- [morphogen gradient](#) (1)
- [morphogenesis](#) (20)
- [multiverse](#) (28)
- [mutations](#) (1)
- [mysterious raps](#) (10)
- [mystery of existence](#) (1)
- [nanotechnology](#) (1)
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- [nature](#) (2)
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We have below a year 1900 account of a ghost that seemed to act with persistence:



You can read the account at the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn92053934/1900-08-06/ed-1/seq-4/>

The account below tells us of witnesses claiming to see a ghost and also a good deal of what sounds like poltergeist activity:

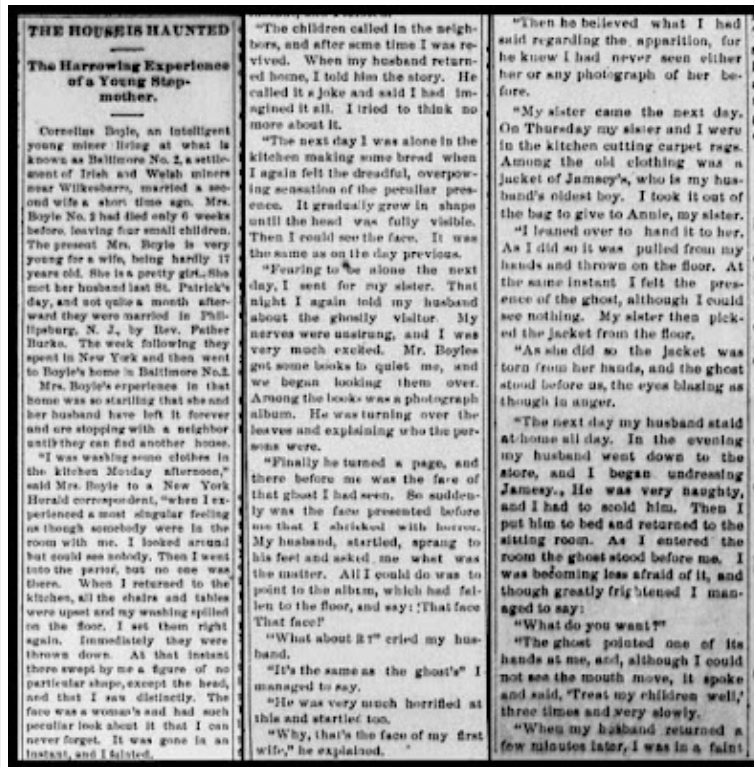


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- [non-local consciousness](#) (1)
- [nonearthly pre-existence of the soul](#) (1)
- [nonneuralism](#) (1)
- [nuclear energy](#) (2)
- [nuclear war](#) (5)
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- [nucleosynthesis](#) (3)
- [observer selection effect](#) (1)
- [ocean acidification](#) (1)
- [oceanic dispersal](#) (1)
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<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85066387/1897-08-17/ed-1/seq-12/>

Below is an 1804 news account of a very persistent apparition. Click on the image to read it better.



You can read the account below.

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87075048/1894-05-19/ed-1/seq-8/>

In the newspaper account below with a title of "Two Lively Ghosts," we read of some persistent apparitions. The account calls one of the apparitions "very persistent."

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In the newspaper account below, we seem to read of some persistent apparitions. We have a named witness, Myra Berger, who tells of repeated sightings of the same apparition, one that is reportedly seen by multiple witnesses.

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You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83030272/1913-08-31/ed-1/seq-46/>

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Deathbed Phenomena May Include Spooky Lights or Spooky Mists (Part 2)

It is well-known that the dying often report apparitions of deceased relatives. Such events are generally referred to as deathbed visions, and are discussed in my series of posts here. What is less well-known is that healthy observers at a deathbed may report seeing spooky phenomena such as a strange light or the room having a strange glow or a strange mist or a spooky cloud being seen. The healthy deathbed observer may even report seeing an apparition at the time of death. My [previous post](#) discussed some cases of such phenomena. Let us now look at some more.

The following quotation is from page 134 of the book *The Sacred Book of Death*, which you can read [here](#).

*"Another Hindu girl, watching with her mother by the deathbed of a dying and dearly beloved sister, says, when the end came, **she distinctly saw a delicate mist rising from the dead body**. When they asked the priest about it he said: 'You saw life departing visibly from the physical form.' This was*

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- [quantum computer universe](#) (1)
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- [questionable research practices](#) (3)
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at Benares, India. How many times have persons been present at the bedside of a dying friend. The eyes closed, the last breath ceased and they thought their friend was dead. Suddenly the eyes opened; light came back to them; then a look of surprise, admiration, inexpressible; then it passed away. This phenomenon, or the passing of soul, can be witnessed at the deathbed by any one who can properly induce the condition which is commonly called clairvoyance, or, in other words, by the withdrawal of all the attention from other objects and affairs and the concentration of thought and sympathy, as well as sight, on your dying loved ones and friends. You can then clearly see the separation of the spiritual body from the dying physical form, as clairvoyance is finer and farther reaching than the sight of your dull physical eyes."

The book *From Matter to Spirit* (which you can read [here](#)) was published in 1863 under a pen name of C.D., with a long preface written by a person using a pen name of A.B. The author was Sophia Elizabeth De Morgan, the wife of the leading mathematician Augustus De Morgan, who was the A.B. who wrote the long preface of the book (a preface considered a classic of evidential analysis when dealing with the mysterious or unexplained). On [page 128](#) the author quotes this account from a healthy witness who seemed to see an apparition at the time of a child's death:

"When I was sixteen years old, I was nursing a child of seven who had been ill since his birth with disease of the head. He had been for some days expected to die, but was quite sensible. About noon I left him in a little back parlour on the ground floor. His mother and a friend were with him. I was returning from the kitchen to the child, and had just reached the top of the staircase, when I saw, coming from the door of the room, the form of a little child. It did not step on the ground, but immediately went up over the staircase and disappeared from me. The bed on which the sick child had been lying was close to the door of the room, and that door was not more than about a foot from the top of the staircase which I came up. As I entered the room, his mother said, 'He is just gone.' The figure that I saw was a little child, fair and fresh-looking, and perfectly healthy. It looked fatter and younger than the little sick boy, and had a very animated, happy expression. It was like a living child, only so light."

On [page 128](#) we have this account by the author (Sophia Elizabeth De Morgan):

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- [scientific thinking](#) (1)
- [scientism](#) (1)
- [scientist flubs and flops \(image series\)](#) (8)
- [scientist misconduct](#) (10)
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- [scientist recklessness](#) (1)
- [scientist specialization](#) (1)
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- [shared death experience](#) (2)
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- [short radio bursts](#) (1)
- [simulated universe](#) (6)
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- [sports of the future](#) (1)
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- [starships](#) (1)
- [stem cells](#) (1)
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"I was myself once standing with a person who had sometimes the gift of spiritual vision beside a bed on which lay one whose life was departing. **The breathing was ceasing slowly when I noticed a thin white mist which seemed to rise two or three inches above the bed.** My companion appeared also to be looking at something. Her eyes, which always had a strange glitter when they encountered any object unseen by others, were raised gradually from the recumbent form to the top of the bed ; then, returning, seemed to rest half-way between, gazing, as far as I could see, on vacancy. This earnest gaze lasted more than a minute. I looked at her enquiringly, but she did not speak. She told me a few minutes after what she had seen, thus : ' I was looking at a mist which seemed to be rising from the bed, and which I have noticed some time, when my attention was drawn upwards, and I saw a pillar of light, between sunshine and moonlight, rising three or four feet. Within this was a still brighter light, becoming more brilliant at the centre ; and from the centre to the circumference, from within outwards, it was all working together with intense rapidity. I saw it once again, but slightly afterwards, just as the last breath was drawn. It seemed then to pass off by the top of the bed.' The seer has been a trusted friend of my own for many years ; her character for truthfulness is quite above suspicion."

On [the next page](#) we have these accounts:

"One night, or rather towards morning, the poor girl awoke suddenly and saw a strong light rising to some height above the sick woman, from whom it seemed to emanate. It passed away in an upward direction, and disappeared. The girl in great terror called out to her mother, but received no answer. She then ran to a friend (a confidential servant of my informant), and told her what she had seen. Her friend returned to the cottage, where they found the mother quite dead. The late Miss W , well known at one time in the mesmerising world, told me that she once nursed an uncle through his last illness. **As he died, a very small bright cloud, appearing to come from the nostrils, passed away, and rising while she watched it, disappeared by the ceiling.**"

The account below appears on page 21 of an edition of the Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research, the January 1921 edition you can read [here](#),

"A case reported by M. Belbeder of the 6th Colonial regiment is similar. Having a few day's holiday he spent them in the country at the house of one of his friends, near Riberac (Dordogne). He had been in bed for about half an hour, and

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- [transposition of the senses](#) (8)
- [Twitter](#) (1)
- [types of universes](#) (2)
- [UAP](#) (4)
- [UFO](#) (14)
- [UFOs](#) (25)
- [underdetermination of scientific theory](#) (1)
- [universe](#) (8)
- [unsolved problems of biology](#) (4)
- [unsolved problems of science](#) (3)
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- [Venus colonization](#) (1)

*had just read his paper, and put out his candle, when, at the corner of the mantelpiece which was opposite the bed, **he saw a white and transparent mist gradually detach itself, advance toward the bed and bend over him.** Belbeder states that he clearly heard it say: 'Always be a friend to my son.' The misty form then retired slowly as it came. 'I clearly recognized' adds the soldier, 'the mother of one of my best friends, whom I had left in the best of health. When I returned home, I was very surprised to learn that she had died just on the day when I saw the apparition, an hour or two before it approached my bed. I did not go to sleep until after I saw this.'"*

On page 154 of the document [here](#), we read this: "Others have described, in similar terms, how they saw a faint violet mist rise from the dying body, gradually condensing into a figure which was the counterpart of the expiring person, and attached to that person by a glistening thread."

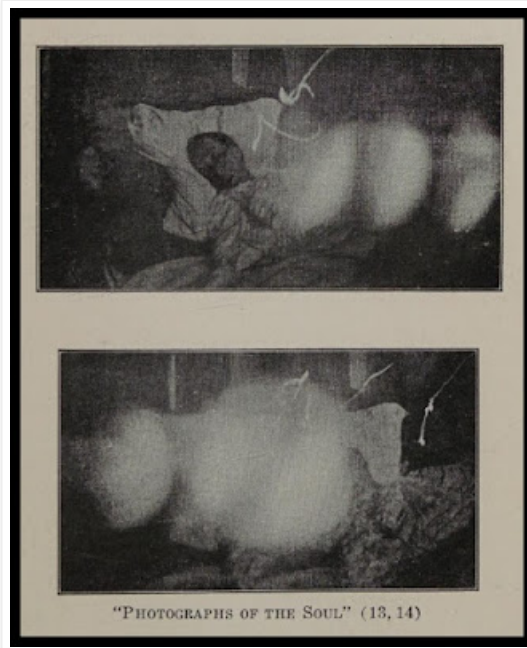
Below is an excerpt from [pages 184 to 185](#) of *The Problems of Psychical Research* by Hereward Carrington.

"Dr. Baraduc had prepared a camera beside the bed of his wife, and, at the moment of her death, photographed the body, and shortly after developed the plate. Upon it were found three luminous globes resting a few inches above the body. These gradually condensed and became more brilliant. Streaks of light, like fine threads, were also seen darting hither and thither. A quarter of an hour after the death of his wife, Dr. Baraduc took another photograph. Fluidic cords were seen to have developed, partly encircling these globes of light. At three o'clock in the afternoon, or an hour after her death, another photograph was taken. It will be seen from this photograph that the three globes of light have condensed and coalesced into one, obscuring the head of Madame Baraduc, and developing towards the right. Cords were formed in the shape of a figure eight, closed at the top, and opened at the point nearest the body. Thus, as the globe develops in one direction, the cords seem to become more tense, and pull in the opposite direction. The separation becomes more and more complete, until finally, three and a half hours after death, a well-formed globe rested above the body, apparently held together by the encircling, luminous cords, which seemed also to guide and control it. At this moment, the globe becomes separated from the body, and, guided by the cords, floats into Dr. Baraduc's bedroom. He speaks to the globe intensely; the globe thereupon approaches him, and he feels an icy cold breeze, which seems to surround and issue from the ball of light. It then floats away and disappears.

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- [von Neumann probes](#) (2)
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- [wormhole](#) (1)
- [xenoglossy](#) (4)

Frequently, within the next few days after these experiments, Dr. Baraduc saw similar globes in various parts of the house. By means of automatic writing, obtained through the hand of a non-professional psychic, he succeeded at last in establishing communication with this luminous ball, and was informed that it was the encasement of Madame Baraduc's soul, which was still active and alive within it!"

The photos referred to can be seen below and on the page [here](#).



On the 68th page of the document [here](#), showing page 182 on the printed page, we have an account from the March 25, 1922 edition of the publication *Light*. The account is pretty good from an evidence standpoint. It is an account of what was seen two months earlier. The author (Dorothy Monk) is named, and she tells us that there were eight witnesses of one of the reported anomalies (a spooky mist at a deathbed). We read this account by the author of seeing her mother's death.

*"About seven o'clock that evening mother's lips parted and from that time **we gradually saw a thick white mist collect above her head and spread across the head of the bed.** It came from the top of her head, but collected more thickly to the opposite side of the bed to which she was lying. It **hung like a cloud of white steam, sometimes so thick we could scarcely see the bed rails,** but continually it was varying although it moved so slowly as to be scarcely perceptible. I and my five sisters were still with her all saw it distinctly, also my brother and one brother-in-law. The blue lights continued about*

*the room, also tiny flashes of yellow, like sparks, appeared sometimes. All this time mother's lower jaw gradually fell a little. For some hours we saw little difference except that **a halo of pale yellow light rays came round her head**; there were about seven in number; they varied in length from twelve to twenty inches at different times. By midnight every-thing had cleared off, but she did not die until 7.17 on the morning of January 2nd."*

On [page 42](#) of Sylvan Muldoon's *The Case for Astral Projection*, he states this:

"In this connection I might mention at this juncture that only a few weeks ago an orthodox Methodist minister of irreproachable character, who has been well known in my neighborhood for years, confided in me that while at the bedside of a dying friend, early this spring, he saw a cloudlike light rise up out of the body of his friend just as the latter expired. The light, he stated, floated up into the air and disappeared."

On pages 85-87 of the document [here](#), a Mrs. E. reports seeing a blue luminous mist in her room, one that scares her. She reports then seeing the eyes and brow of Mr. Rose. She then states this:

"That day Mr. Rose came to see me, and before telling him anything of my experience, I asked him what he had been doing the night before. His answer was, 'I went to my room early and concentrated all my thoughts in trying to send my astral body here.' "

The account is corroborated on pages 87-88 of the document, in which Fred W. Rose states that on the corresponding night he had attempted to project his soul or spirit to Mrs. E. He states, "Having read of cases of spirit projection, I resolved, without mentioning the fact to any one, to endeavour to send my astral body to Mrs. E." The reported event is not an example of a deathbed phenomenon, but it tends to partially corroborate accounts of spooky mists observed at a deathbed, under the hypothesis that at either death or deliberate "astral projection" there may occur an event in which a soul, spirit or "astral body" leaves the physical body, and is detected as a mist.

Postscript: On [page 82](#) of his book *Man Is a Spirit*, J. Arthur Hill quotes an unnamed witness (supposedly a newspaper editor) who claims to have seen the spirit of his wife when she died at her deathbed. The witness states this:

"I was at her bedside when she passed away. I was bending over her at the time. Almost instantly, before I had hardly

become erect, I felt a most peculiar sensation. It is impossible to describe the sensation. It seemed as if some powerful penetrating rays were passing, with a rapid but steady movement not like a shock or flash, through my head and body, as far down as the lower part of the chest. There was no sensation of pain, heat, or cold.

*As this feeling came upon me **I seemed to see in a mist like a white fog shutting out the things I would naturally see. This fog rolled away on all sides from the figure and face of what I saw. It was my wife, or at least her spirit.** I saw the head, face, and partway down the figure....It was different light from ordinary daylight. It was much like seeing a person in an exceedingly bright, powerful white light made by some burning gas....The spirit looked younger by twenty years. Instead of the poor, frail, emaciated face, there was the face of one in health, in the prime of life, and I distinctly saw a rosy colour in the cheeks. The whole form and face was shining, not with the steady light of a lamp, but with streams of light that seemed to radiate from the spirit, blurring the outlines slightly and then restoring them to perfect clearness and shape. I once looked into a tube in which there was some radium — so I was told — and could see what I called throbs of light in the tube. Well, as I thought afterwards about seeing the spirit, it was as if I had seen it by throbs of light which made it seem as if the light streamed in every direction from the face and figure."*

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In Robert Crookall's book *Out of the Body Experiences*, we have on [page 35](#) this very interesting passage:

"Thus, Dr. R. B. Hout saw 'a fog' leave a dying body (and gradually become its 'double'). E. W. Oaten saw 'a smokelike vapor' (which gradually became 'an exact duplicate' of the person who had just died). Florence Marryat saw 'a cloud of

smoke' (which 'gradually acquired the shape of the girl's body'). J. C. Street observed 'a column of vapor' (which assumed the form of the man under observation). Major W. T. Pole reported 'a shadowy form' (which became 'an exact counterpart of the body on the bed'). Mr. 'G' described 'clouds' (which assumed the form of the body they had left). Maurice and Irene Elliott spoke of 'a white hazy mist' (which also took the shape of the body it had left)."

On [page 105](#) we have a fuller discussion in the same vein:

"We have already referred to the 'mist' observed to rise from dying bodies...Mrs. Annie Brittain saw that 'the mist' which left the body of a woman passed through a second stage and became its counterpart. Lily J. Price, J. P., of Australia, wrote and told me how, when present at the 'passing' of a child, she saw 'a mist' leave the head (first stage). She continued, 'The mist gradually took the shape of the child's form [second stage].' Mrs. G. Vivian, B.A., saw 'a mist' leave the body of her dying mother. 'It gradually took shape and resembled my mother.' Mrs. 'Alexander' gave an identical description, as did Mrs. E. Herrick, T. E. Morgan, and an American literary woman. The Reverend J. Lewis saw a gambler die. A 'mist' left his body and later assumed the gambler's form."

On [page 106](#) we read this: "Professor E. Bozzano quoted a missionary from Tahiti who was told by the natives: 'Shortly after a human body ceases to breathe, a vapor rises from the head . . . this vapor gradually . . . assumes the form of the inert body.'"

Below is a description of deathbed phenomena by Dr. Riblet B. Hout, found on page 210 of the April 4, 1935 edition of the periodical *Light*, which you can read [here](#):

"I could distinguish nothing more than a vague outline of a hazy, foglike substance. There seemed to be only a mist held suspended, motionless. But, as I looked, very gradually there grew into my sight a denser, more solid, condensation of this inexplicable vapor. Then I was astonished to see definite outlines presenting themselves, and soon I saw this foglike substance was assuming a human form. Soon I knew that the body I was seeing resembled that of the physical body of my aunt . . . The astral body hung suspended horizontally a few feet above the physical counterpart. ... I continually watched the formation of the spirit -body."

On [page 121](#) of his very interesting book *The Supreme Adventure* the author Robert Crookall cites the following

account told by an E. W. Oaten who witnessed the death of his friend Daisy:

"I saw a faint, smoke-like vapour rise from the body. It rose some few feet above the bed and stayed there. It was full of motion and rolled over and over until it became a ball of greyish smoke, in a state of motion, with slight traces of opalescence in it here and there. It condensed and grew larger, supplied with a steady stream from the body, a stream of vapour some three inches in diameter. Slowly the ball assumed the size of about 5 ft. 6 in. in length by 18 in. in diameter. Condensation continued until it became to me, a semi-solid body, light-grey in colour, but still like a volume of smoke all in motion. Then, gradually, definition began to come. It assumed the form of a roughly-moulded dummy of the human form. An umbilical cord united it with the physical body. I could see the flow of energy in the umbilical cord. The etheric form began to assume the perfect shape. . . . Presently there was the exact duplicate of Daisy floating face downwards in the air. It was connected to the body by the silver cord through which her life slowly escaped. Then the form began to heave and rock, like a balloon tearing at its moorings. The silver cord began to stretch. It grew thinner and thinner at the middle until at last it snapped and the floating form assumed an upright attitude. It was the living duplicate of the sleeping form on the bed. She turned to me and smiled. She was thanking me for the hours I had spent in trying to help her. Then, from the corner of the room, near the ceiling, there came a rush. Two white-robed figures, a man and a woman...came to her, and wrapping their robes around her, they floated away"

On [page 157](#) of Crookall's book *Out of the Body Experiences* we read of a Dr. R. J. Staver who witnessed the death of his father:

"There was a little mistlike wraith which rose rather slowly. ... It had no human appearance at the time of withdrawal; that came a bit later. The whole proceeding took the best part of an hour, and for some time following the complete withdrawal, there was a wisp of connection between the physical body and that portion which had left it— it reminded me of the oft-mentioned 'silver cord.' "

On [page 159](#) we read this:

"Mrs. Josephine Taylor ... told how she saw a child die: 'I saw a mist above the little body. It took the shape of the body which lay on the bed. This was attached by a very fine silver cord. . . . The replica was about three feet above the body, then gradually

tilted itself into an upright position. It then floated away.'
Charles Moore observed, 'There slowly escapes from the
outworn body a luminous cloud of fine substance. This rapidly
becomes compact and takes the form of a solid ethereal body
exactly like the old physical body from which it has arisen.' "

On [page 162](#) we are told a Dr. Kayner observed "a vapor or mist" which left the chest and head and "gradually rose" until the "newly born man" stood up.

The world-class scientist Sir William Crookes was the inventor of the Crookes tube that was the forerunner of all television sets (and also the co-discoverer of the element thallium). Crookes wrote [the following](#):

"Under the strictest test conditions, I have more than once had a solid, self-luminous, crystalline body placed in my hand by a hand which did not belong to any person in the room. In the light, I have seen a luminous cloud hover over a heliotrope on a side table, break a sprig off, and carry the sprig to a lady; and on some occasions I have seen a similar luminous cloud visibly condense to the form of a hand and carry small objects about."

Lt.-Col. L. Moore Cosgrave [reported](#) the following incident occurring near the time of the death of Horace Traubel, the main biographer of the American poet Walt Whitman:

"During this long watch, Horace Traubel, who was suffering from paralysis and debility, was without visible pain, and semi-conscious, unable to articulate owing to paralysis of the tongue....On the last night, about 3 a. m., he grew perceptibly weaker, breathing almost without visible movement, eyes closed and seemingly comatose, he stirred restlessly after a long period, and his eyes opened, staring towards the further side of the bed, his lips moved, endeavoring to speak, I moved his head back, thinking he needed more air, but again it moved away, and his eyes remained rivetted on a point some three feet above the bed, my eyes were at last drawn irresistibly to the same point in the darkness, as there was but a small shaded night lamp behind a curtain on the further side of the room. Slowly the point at which we were both looking grew gradually brighter, a light haze appeared, spread until it assumed bodily form, and took the likeness of Walt Whitman, standing upright beside the bed, a rough tweed jacket on, an old felt hat upon his head and his right hand in his pocket, similar to a number of his portraits, he was gazing down at Traubel, a kindly, reassuring smile upon his face, he nodded twice as

though reassuringly, the features quite distinct for at least a full minute, then gradually faded from sight."

Besides such accounts of a full or nearly full human form arising from a misty cloud, there are numerous accounts of mysterious hands appearing from such a cloud or mist. We read [the following](#) in the book "Occult Science in India" by Louis Jacolliot:

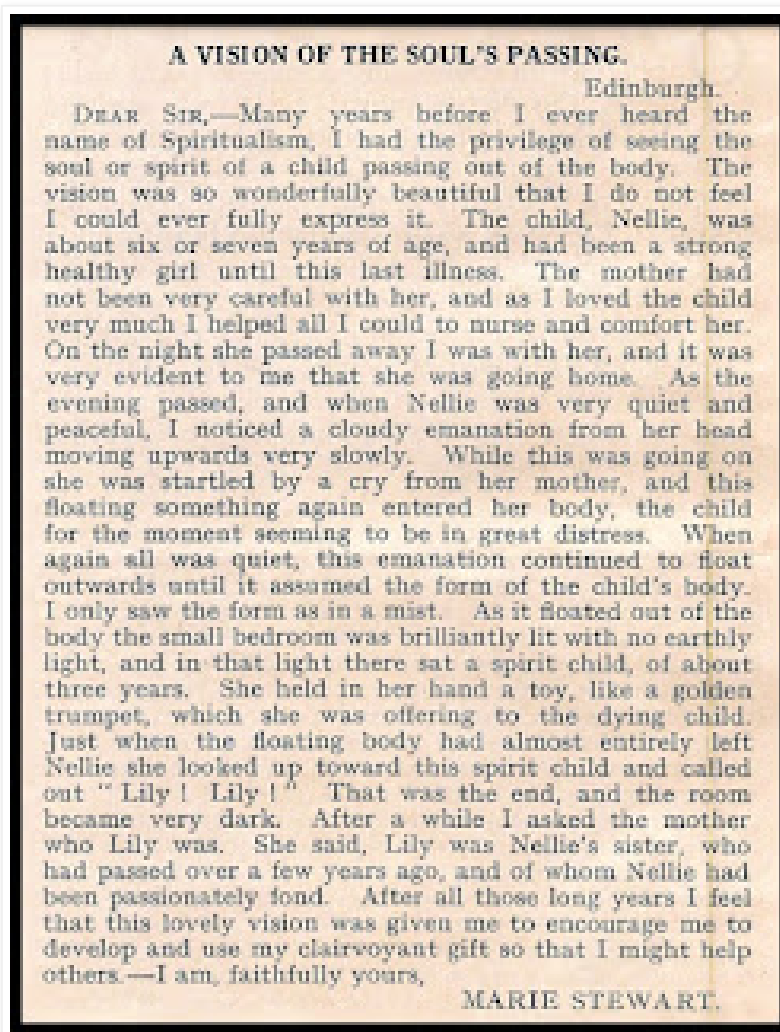
"A slightly phosphorescent cloud seemed to have formed in the middle of my chamber, from which semblances of hands appeared to go and come with great rapidity. In a few minutes, several hands seemed to have lost their vaporous appearance and to resemble human hands ; so much so, indeed, that they might have been readily mistaken for the latter. Singular to relate, while some became, as it were, more material, others became more luminous. Some became opaque, and cast a shadow in the light, while others became so transparent that an object behind them could be distinctly seen. I counted as many as sixteen....One of them, breaking away from the rest, flew toward me and pressed my outstretched hand. It was small, supple and moist, like the hand of a young woman....For nearly two hours a scene ensued which was calculated to set my head in a whirl. At one time, a hand brushed against my face or fanned it with a fan. At another, it would scatter a shower of flowers all over the room, or would trace in the air, in characters of fire, words which vanished as soon as the last letter was written."

On [page 269](#) of the same account, we read the following account of a full human form arising from such a cloud:

'A cloud similar to the first, but more opaque and of a brighter color, hovered near the little furnace, which, at the Hindu's request, I had kept constantly fed with burning coals. By degrees it seemed to assume a human form, and I distinguished the spectre — for I cannot call it otherwise — of an old Brahminical priest kneeling by the side of the little furnace."

In the 2010 [book](#) *Glimpses of Eternity: Sharing a Loved One's Passage From This Life to the Next* by Raymond Moody we read some accounts relevant to this post's title. On [page 13](#) we read of five family members who all saw a paranormal-seeming light effect when a family member died. On [page 24](#) we read of someone named Tom who claims that when he saw his mother die, "I saw this film or transparent envelope of light close up and lift off her body going upwards and out of sight." On page 34 we have [this account](#): "When his grandfather died, the young man was astounded to see 'a golden ball of light' rise from his chest

and pass through the ceiling." On [page 38](#) we hear of a man named Juan who had his own out-of-body experience while viewing his brother's death, which included the sight of light rising from the dying body. On [page 83](#) a hospice nurse says that while witnessing someone's death, "I saw a luminous presence floating near the bed, shaped somewhat like a person." On [page 101](#) we hear a doctor's account of seeing a mist with "depth and a geometric structure" rising from a dying patient whose eyes had brightly lit up with an eerie glow. On [page 103](#) we read a psychologist claim that "on both occasions I saw patients leave their bodies in a cloud form." The old newspaper account quoted [here](#) corroborates one or two of these statements. The account below is from page 146 of the July 1926 International Psychic Gazette, which you can read [here](#). We read of a room being flooded with an unearthly light at the time of someone's death, and also even greater wonders:



The next accounts of spooky clouds are those that do not involve deathbeds. But they may lend credence to some of the accounts above, by being accounts similar to such accounts. The following notable passage is from the

book *Cosmic Consciousness* by Richard Maurice Bucke. In the [passage](#) the author is describing his own experience:

"All at once, without warning of any kind, he found himself wrapped around as it were by a flame-colored cloud. For an instant he thought of fire, some sudden conflagration in the great city; the next he knew that the light was within himself. Directly afterwards came upon him a sense of exultation, of immense joyousness accompanied or immediately followed by an intellectual illumination quite impossible to describe. Into his brain streamed one momentary lightning-flash of the Brahmic Splendor which has ever since lightened his life ; upon his heart fell one drop of Brahmic Bliss, leaving thenceforward for always an after taste of heaven. Among other things he did not come to believe, he saw and knew that the Cosmos is not dead matter but a living Presence, that the soul of man is immortal, that the universe is so built and ordered that without any peradventure all things work together for the good of each and all, that the foundation principle of the world is what we call love and that the happiness of every one is in the long run absolutely certain. He claims that he learned more within the few seconds during which the illumination lasted than in previous months or even years of study, and that he learned much that no study could ever have taught. The illumination itself continued not more than a few moments, but its effects proved ineffaceable ; it was impossible for him ever to forget what he at that time saw and knew; neither did he, or could he, ever doubt the truth of what was then presented to his mind."

The description of seances of Franck Kluski by anatomy professor F. W. Pawlowski is one of the most astonishing testimonies of paranormal phenomena ever recorded. Beginning [here](#) you can read an account of more than five pages, filled with the most extraordinary claims. The [quote](#) below describes some very spooky mists.

"As the phantoms made their appearance I saw something resembling luminous smoke or fog floating above the head of the medium like a small cloud. This cloud moved to one side and in a few seconds became a human head, or else it would spread out vertically and become a complete human figure, which immediately began to walk about. The most astonishing and interesting part of these phenomena, so to speak their most important feature as far as I was concerned, was the absolutely human behavior of the apparitions. They acted precisely like guests at a party. As they passed around the table they greeted the more familiar participants with a smile of recognition, whereas they studied any newcomers attentively. The inquisitive look in their eyes is hard to describe. I could see from

their efforts to understand our expressions, our smiles, our questions and answers, as well as from their actions, that they were particularly anxious to convince us of the fact that they were real beings and not illusions or hallucinations."

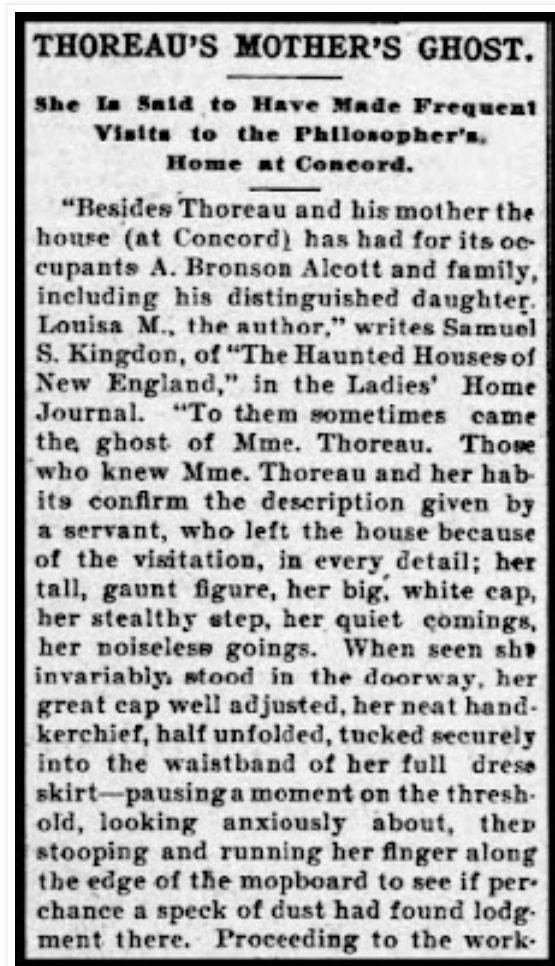
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Thursday, November 28, 2024

When Apparitions Seemed to Act With Persistence (Part 2)

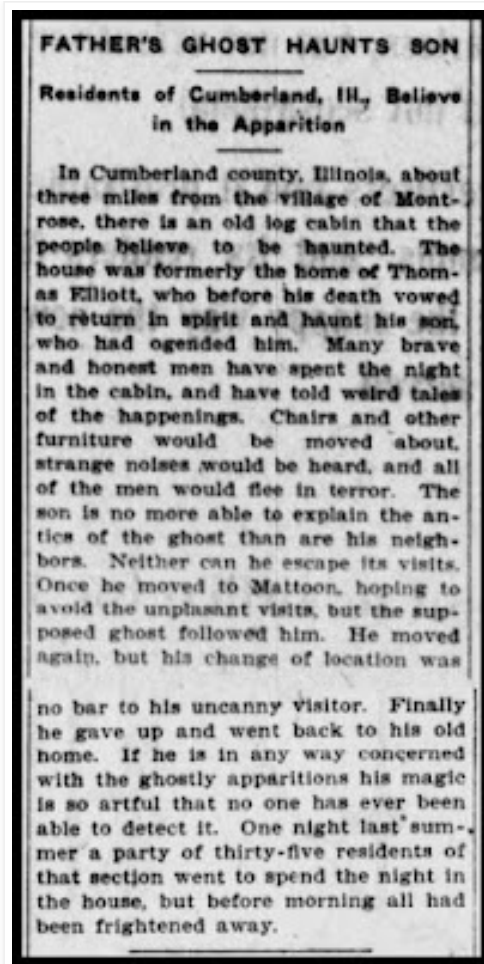
In Part 1 of this series, I examined reports of apparitions that seemed to act in a persistent manner. Below is another account of a ghost seeming to act with persistence:



You can read the full account below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85034235/1900-09-27/ed-1/seq-1/>

Below is a report of a father's ghost who seemed to haunt the son again and again (click on the image to see it more clearly):



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86091109/1904-01-13/ed-1/seq-4/>

Below is an account of a husband's ghost that seemed so persistent in haunting the widowed wife that the wife went to the police and tried to get a warrant for the ghost's arrest (click on the image to read it more clearly):

WARRANT FOR GHOST

West Pullman Woman Wants to Arrest Hus- band's Wraith.

South Chicago, Sept. 18.—"I want to get a warrant for my husband's ghost," said Mrs. M. J. McCreaney of West Pullman, to Desk Sergeant Daniel Guiney of the Hyde Park police station.

"What?" said the sergeant, ducking behind the counter.

"I want to get a warrant for my husband's ghost," she repeated. "The thing is always bothering me and it comes to my house and tears shingles off the roof and every other thing."

Guiney told her that it was a little out of his line, and referred her to Mrs. Besant. Mrs. McCreaney thanked him and went forth with a new hope.

Fourteen years ago McCreaney died, and was buried in a way that should have settled the most restless soul. But for fourteen years his ghost has returned to the house of his widow, Mrs. McCreaney, with demands which are unreasonable and impossible, according to Mrs. McCreaney.

For a times he tried persuasion, being somewhat at a loss in the presence of a visitant from the great beyond, and not feeling inclined to try the old methods on that which had been her husband.

Then she expostulated with it, and then she took it to task, but all to no purpose.

Finally she had nothing whatever to do with it, but it did not reciprocate, she says. It persisted in coming at night and sitting on the ridge pole, where it amused itself by singing and tearing shingles off and throwing bricks at the goat shed.

Whereupon, in course of time, she decided to have it arrested. Accordingly she appeared at the Hyde Park station yesterday and demanded a warrant.

You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86058242/1907-09-18/ed-1/seq-1/>

Below is a 1920 account of a persistent ghost seen by two different named witnesses, Mrs. John Koch and her brother Hannan:

TRENTON GHOST KEEPS DATES

Spirit of Suicide Comes Back
and Creates Great Excite-
ment in Neighborhood.

IS VERY NOISY FOR SPOOK

Widow Forced to Seek Medical Treat-
ment for Shattered Nerves—Broth-
er-in-Law Has Encounter With
Spirit and Falls Senseless.

Trenton, N. J.—Page Sir Oliver Lodge! The ghost of John Koch, suicide and would-be slayer of Theodore Opendaker, is walking. His widow has had to seek medical treatment for shattered nerves. His brother-in-law, Stephen Hannan, has been so upset that on one occasion he fell to the floor in a faint. The entire neighborhood of the Koch home is bordering on panic.

Koch shot himself several months ago after wounding Opendaker. The widow and her four small children have since continued to live at the family home with her brother, Hannan, and Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Cordwell.

Two weeks ago Mrs. Koch awoke with a scream and declared she had seen her husband's ghost. Other occupants of the house laughed at her, but the incident was repeated a few nights later.

Hannan then decided to sleep downstairs on a couch. Nothing happened for a night or two, but on Monday night the alleged ghost returned and made such a disturbance that everyone in the house was aroused.

Reckless With Lamps.

Hannan determined to stay awake the rest of the night. He sat near the kitchen door. Suddenly, he says, the latch began to move. As he sprang toward the door the latch became quiet. Turning to resume his seat, he found himself face to face with the form of his dead brother-in-law. Seizing a lighted oil lamp, he hurled it at the vision so forcefully that it hit and dented a wall. He threw a second lamp at the supposed ghost and then, shrieking, fell senseless.

Upon being revived he declared that the ghost had said:

"I will be back on Friday night at 12:45 o'clock. I will then leave for awhile, but I will return."

Friday night Hannan and Cordwell took positions on either side of the kitchen door, and when the latch began to dance they rushed to open it, only to find themselves looking at each other. Then they securely tied the latch. When it began to jiggle later on they inspected it and found the twine cleanly cut in several places.

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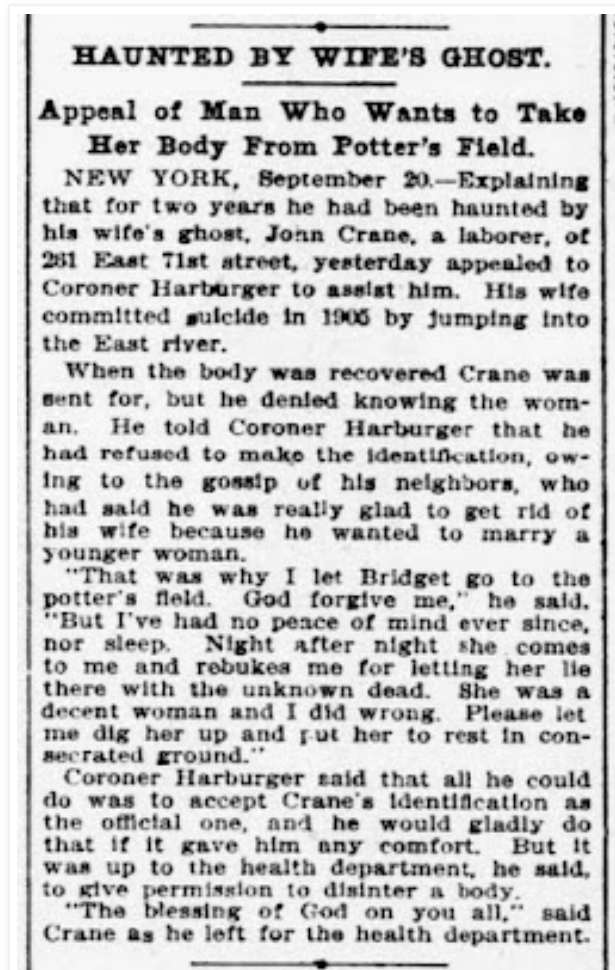
Mrs. Henry Blizzard and her daughter went to the kitchen and, together with the Cordwells, waited for the promised reappearance of the ghost. At 12:45 the latch again began to move, but no ghost was seen.

Last Saturday night Hannah went to his own room to sleep. Soon after midnight, he says, he and everyone else in the house were awakened by crashing sound from the kitchen.

You can read the story here:

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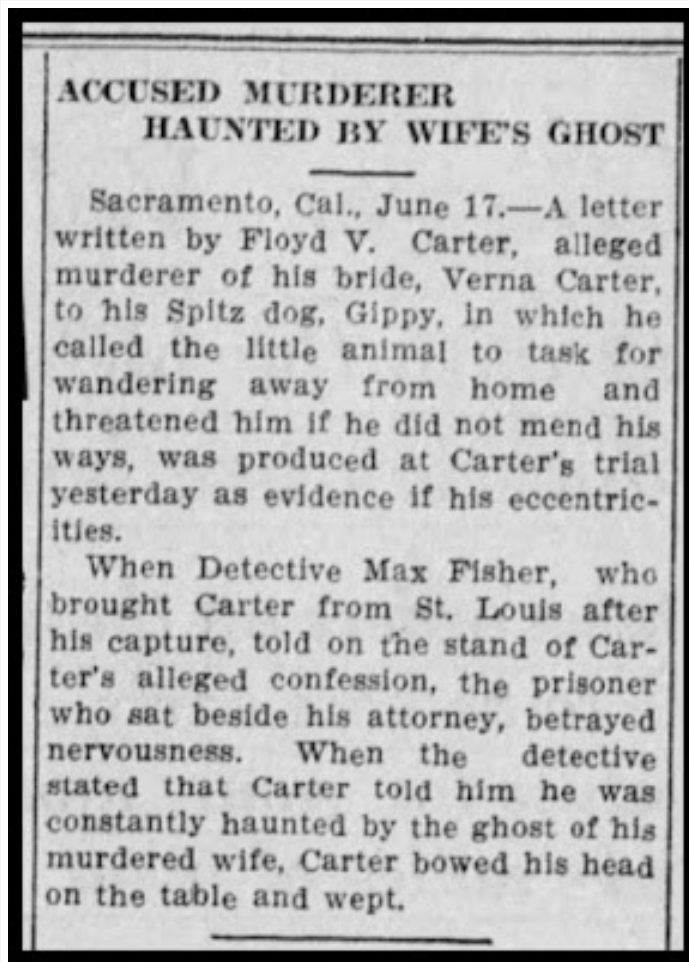
Below is another news account of a persistent apparition:



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1907-09-20/ed-1/seq-11/>

Below is another report of an apparition that seemed to be very persistent:



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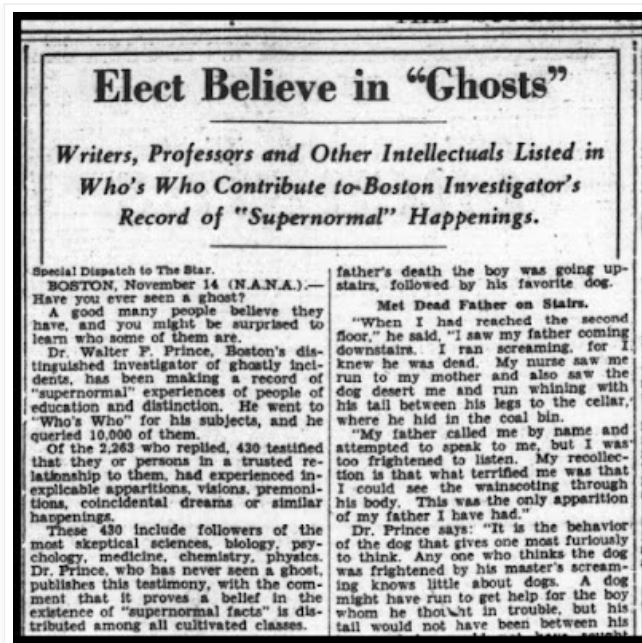
Below is another report of an apparition that seemed to be very persistent:



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lcn/sn83030193/1922-02-20/ed-1/seq-3/>

The image below shows a [relevant newspaper story](#):



The story refers to research by Walter F. Prince that was published in a classic of parapsychology ("Noted Witnesses of Psychic Occurrences") you can read online for free using [this](#) link.

Below is [a newspaper account](#) of an apparition that seemed to act with persistence over a course of 60 years:

"The session of the Chamber of Commerce which has just ended has been marked by an unpleasant incident. The Ghost of the Chamber of Deputies has been seen again. This ghost is known as the 'Yellow Man.' It is the shadowy appearance of a tall thin man, with a curiously yellow face....The apparition is transparent, and it does not appear at stated Intervals but has been seen by many members of the Chamber intermittently during the last 60 years."

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When Apparitions Seemed to Act With Persistence (Part 1)

In most accounts of apparition sightings, the apparition seems to be a one-shot affair. In a typical report a single person will report seeing an apparition that never reappears. But then there are reports of someone seeing an apparition again and again and again.

One such report appears in the old newspaper story shown below. To read the text more clearly, click on the image or use the link below.

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You can read the full story using this link:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85058179/1907-03-23/ed-1/seq-3/>

We have in the story above an account of a named witness who reported seeing an apparition of his father-in-law many different times. The witness was so spooked by these events that he apparently abandoned a "palatial palace" home he had lived in.

In the account below a named professor claims to have seen several apparitions, and claims to have seen an apparition of a Colonel Brice that a friend of the professors saw three different times:

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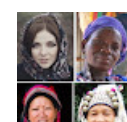
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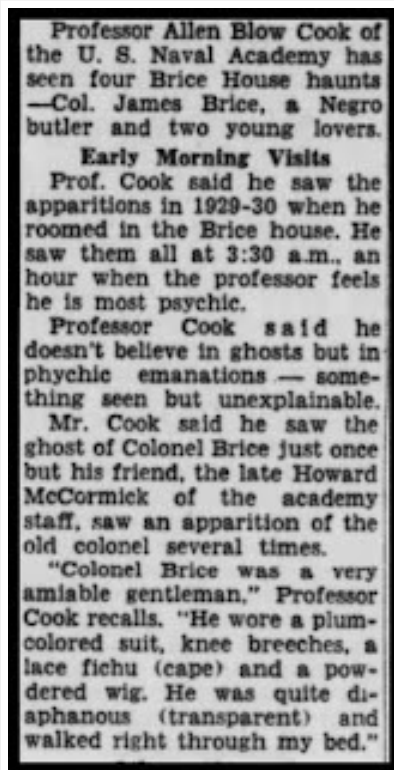
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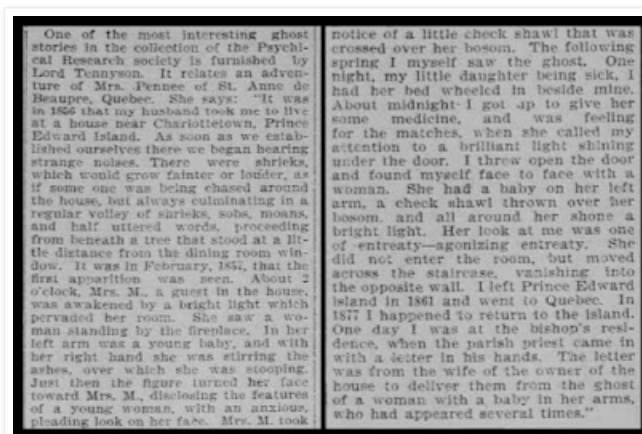
You can read the full account here:

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At the link below we read of a librarian who reported seeing an apparition multiple times, with the apparition seeming to appear at a very section of the library with books about the supernatural:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1860-03-16/ed-1/seq-1/>

The account below tells of an apparition consisting of a woman and her baby, one that was seen at three different times (click on the image to read the account more clearly):



The account can be read here:

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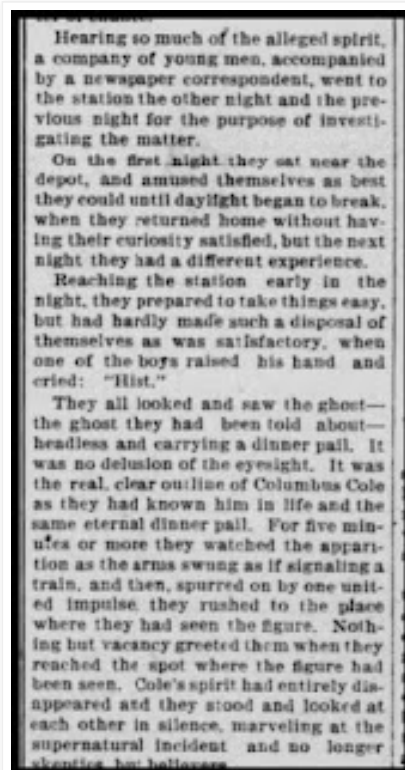
Below is a headline from an old newspaper story:



The full account can be read here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82015080/1905-08-16/ed-1/seq-7/>

In the account we read that a party of three went out to investigate the apparition, and reportedly observed it:



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The account below seems to tell of an apparition with the spooky habit of acting like of a herald of death or an omen of doom:



You can read the full account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84022472/1917-03-16/ed-1/seq-7/>

Although very interesting (with its "herald of death" theme), the account above is not first-class observational evidence. We do not get the names of witnesses who reported seeing apparitions soon after such apparitions were seen. But the account below is first-class observational evidence. We have an account in which a trustworthy-seeming named witness reports twice seeing an unexpected apparition, in a totally unexpected sighting of a type we should not expect for any kind of hallucination to have produced. The account is one of the minority of apparition sighting reports that report an apparition of the living. Under the assumption that souls may leave the body before death (as often reported in near-death experiences), we might expect some apparition sightings of this type.

Below is the full 1905 account (click on the image to read it better):

- Anatomically Uninformative DNA, Nonfunctional Intermediates and the Uselessness of Early Stages Are Why Gradualism Does Not Work
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- The Bigelow Prize Essays on the Best Evidence for Life After Death
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<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88065721/1905-01-26/ed-1/seq-1/>

It is rather hard to imagine a less likely time for anyone to see an apparition through hallucination than the situation reported. We read that Mrs. Stewart saw the apparition at the very time that she was called to stand before parishioners to lead prayer. The apparition was of a man sentenced to die. The same apparition appeared at a second later time, also when Mrs. Stewart was leading parishioners in prayer. Mrs. Stewart then visited a prison, finding that a man about to be executed looked exactly like the apparition seen. The account is first-hand testimony of what occurred very shortly before the testimony was given.

The account below reports an apparition which one person claimed to have seen more than twenty times (click on the image to see it more clearly):

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In the account [here](#), a writer says this: "My mother's ghost, clothed in the garb she wore in life, appeared to me twelve times, all told." He speculates that such apparitions are merely creations of our minds, apparently the type not prone to believe the testimony of his own senses on such topics.

There have occurred repeated reports of the apparition of Abraham Lincoln appearing in the White House in Washington, D.C. In the article below from the Washington Times, the First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt (wife of US president Franklin Roosevelt) mentions such an apparition appearance:

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- astronomy (14)
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- augmented reality (2)
- aura (1)
- austerity (1)
- Australian mystery lights (1)
- auto-scheduling of future posts on this site (1)
- automatic writing (3)
- automation (2)
- bad predictions (3)
- behavior genetics (1)
- Bible (1)
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- Big Bang (32)
- Bigfoot (1)
- biocentrism (2)
- biochemistry (2)
- biological fine-tuning (3)
- biology (19)
- biomedical research (3)
- biosafety (1)
- biosignatures (1)



You can read the report on it original page using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026749/1934-04-02/ed-1/seq-1/>

According to the page [here](#), US President Harry Truman wrote in his diary on May 27, 1945 that "the maids and butlers swear that he [Lincoln] has appeared on several occasions," and that the same claim was made by "Mrs. Coolidge," the wife of someone who was US president about 20 years earlier.

In the bottom right corner of the same page, we get some more specifics from Eleanor Roosevelt. She says that in 1934 White House staff member Mary Eban went up to the second floor, and quickly became "wrought up," claiming that she saw Abraham Lincoln (who died in 1865) sitting on a bed and putting on his boots.

As the [newspaper story continues](#), we are told the poet Carl Sandburg looked out a particular window of the White House, and got a strange feeling. The story tells us that "several employees have reported seeing Lincoln's gaunt apparition standing at that very Oval Room window." The same page tells us that a janitor named Jerry Smith claimed that Lincoln haunted the White House. The [next page](#) tells us that there were "daily sightings" of the ghost of Abigail Adams, the wife of US president John Adams. The [next page](#) has a quote by a long-

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- [body transplants](#) (2)
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- [bouncing universe](#) (1)
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- [brain stimulation](#) (1)
- [Brane cosmology](#) (1)
- [c-value paradox](#) (1)
- [Cambrian Explosion](#) (5)
- [candid quotes of scientists](#) (1)
- [car culture](#) (1)
- [cell division](#) (1)
- [cell reproduction](#) (1)
- [cell types](#) (2)
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- [certainty](#) (1)
- [channeling](#) (1)
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- [ChatGPT](#) (1)
- [China](#) (2)
- [Christmas](#) (1)
- [cinema technology](#) (1)
- [clairvoyance](#) (17)
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- [coincidences](#) (3)
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- [complexity](#) (3)
- [component interdependence](#) (1)
- [computationalism](#) (3)
- [computer simulations](#) (3)
- [conformity](#) (2)
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- [cosmic destiny](#) (2)

time White House employee who claims that a very prestigious visitor to the White House reported seeing the ghost of Lincoln.

Posted by Mark Mahin at 5:00 AM No comments: 

Labels: [apparition](#), [apparition of the living](#), apparition seen by multiple witnesses, paranormal phenomena

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Sometimes Dreams, Visions or Premonitions Seem to Foretell a Death

In the series of posts below, I discussed dreams, visions or mysterious voices that seemed to foretell a death or disaster:

[When Dreams or Visions Foretell a Death](#)

[More Dreams or Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

[Still More Dreams or Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

[Still More Dreams, Visions or Voices That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

[Even More Dreams and Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

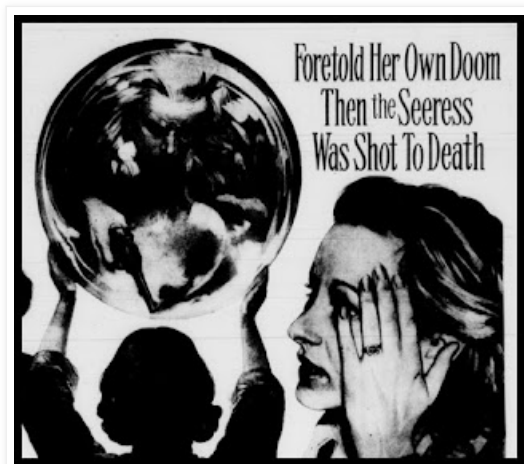
[Some More Dreams or Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death or Disaster](#)

[When the Future Whispers to the Present](#)

[Dreams, Visions or Premonitions That Seemed to Correctly Predict a Death](#)

Let us look at some more examples of this type.

The account below seems like a long and complicated one, and the print of the preserved newspaper is hard to read. So I'll give only the headline:

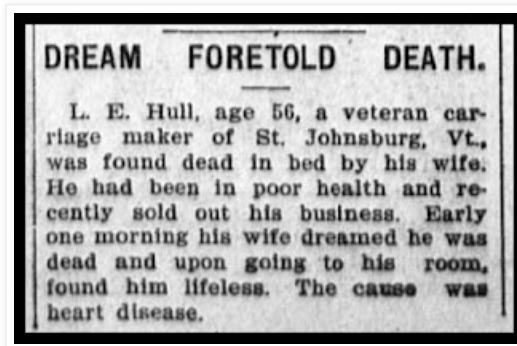


- [cosmic evolution](#) (2)
- [cosmic fine tuning](#) (56)
- [cosmic habitability](#) (5)
- [cosmic history](#) (1)
- [cosmic inflation](#) (26)
- [cosmic layers](#) (1)
- [cosmic life-force](#) (1)
- [cosmic message](#) (1)
- [cosmic mysteries](#) (10)
- [cosmic religion](#) (1)
- [cosmic structure](#) (3)
- [cosmic wonder](#) (1)
- [cosmological constant](#) (4)
- [cosmological natural selection](#) (4)
- [cosmology](#) (95)
- [COVID-19](#) (15)
- [cryonics](#) (2)
- [crystal gazing](#) (1)
- [cyborg](#) (1)
- [cyclical universe](#) (5)
- [dark energy](#) (8)
- [dark genome](#) (1)
- [dark matter](#) (27)
- [Darwinism](#) (55)
- [data dredging](#) (1)
- [dating](#) (1)
- [de-extinction](#) (1)
- [deathbed mist or lights](#) (2)
- [deathbed vision](#) (8)
- [definition of religion](#) (1)
- [definition of science](#) (1)
- [dehumanization](#) (2)
- [dematerialization](#) (1)
- [depression](#) (1)
- [developmental biology](#) (8)
- [diet](#) (1)
- [direct voice phenomenon](#) (1)
- [disasters](#) (1)
- [disease prevention](#) (1)
- [disintegrating asteroid](#) (1)
- [DNA](#) (24)
- [DNA divergence of humans and chimpanzees](#) (1)
- [dogs](#) (1)
- [double standards in science](#) (3)
- [doubt](#) (1)
- [dowsing](#) (1)
- [dreams](#) (22)
- [drones](#) (1)
- [DUNE](#) (1)

If you can stand to read dim fine print, you can read the full story below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88063294/1942-03-08/ed-1/seq-81/>

The article below tells of a dream that seemed to foretell a death:



You can read the article here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87076843/1909-12-03/ed-1/seq-6/>

I would like to be able to give the full article below describing a dream foretelling a death. But when I go to page 23 to get the rest of the article, I don't see the rest of it.



You can read the article here:

- [dwarf galaxies](#) (1)
- [dwarf galaxy rotation anomaly](#) (1)
- [dystopia](#) (1)
- [early habitability epoch](#) (1)
- [early Universe](#) (2)
- [earthlights](#) (1)
- [easy life hypothesis](#) (3)
- [education](#) (3)
- [elections](#) (1)
- [electromagnetic pulse attack](#) (1)
- [electromagnetism](#) (4)
- [electrons](#) (3)
- [EmDrive](#) (1)
- [emergence](#) (1)
- [EMP](#) (1)
- [end of the world](#) (5)
- [energy crisis](#) (3)
- [energy forecast](#) (1)
- [energy production](#) (2)
- [engrams](#) (12)
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- [environmental degradation](#) (5)
- [epigenetics](#) (1)
- [ESP](#) (74)
- [esthetics](#) (1)
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- [Europa](#) (2)
- [evolution](#) (86)
- [evolution poll](#) (1)
- [experts](#) (12)
- [extended evolutionary synthesis](#) (1)
- [extent of Darwinist belief](#) (1)
- [extent of paranormal abilities](#) (1)
- [extent of paranormal beliefs](#) (2)
- [extent of paranormal experience](#) (3)
- [exteriorization of sensibility](#) (1)
- [extrasolar planets](#) (8)
- [extraterrestrial life](#) (58)
- [extraterrestrials](#) (36)
- [faint young sun paradox](#) (3)
- [fast radio bursts](#) (1)
- [fate of the universe](#) (1)
- [Fermi's paradox](#) (8)
- [fine-tuned universe](#) (7)
- [Flynn effect](#) (1)
- [forecasting](#) (1)

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn90059523/1904-08-28/ed-1/seq-11/>

Below we read the story of the first American soldier to die in battle in France during World War I. We hear vaguely of his mother being visited by "something strange," apparently near the time the soldier died, with the mother's heart kind of sinking at the time.

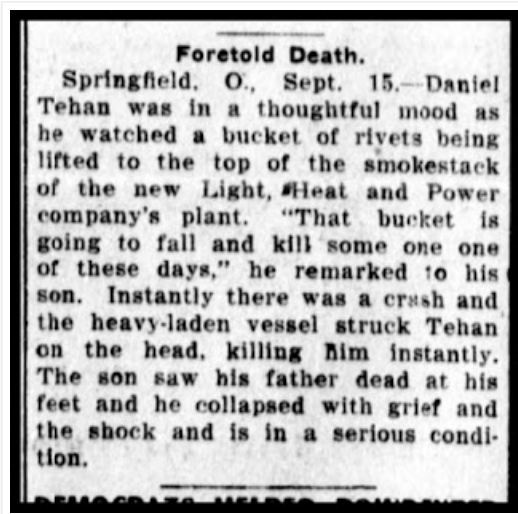


You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87093407/1917-11-12/ed-1/seq-1/>

Below is a tragic account of a premonition soon fulfilled:

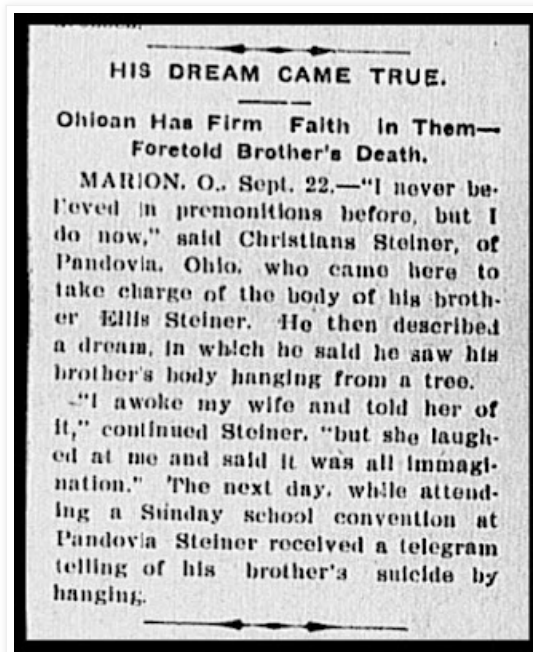
- [Fourth Dimension](#) (1)
- [free will](#) (3)
- [functional threshold](#) (2)
- [fundamental constants](#) (6)
- [fundamental forces](#) (5)
- [funerals](#) (1)
- [future contrasts](#) (2)
- [future entertainment](#) (2)
- [future eras](#) (1)
- [future happiness](#) (2)
- [future movies](#) (1)
- [future of consciousness](#) (2)
- [future of man](#) (19)
- [future problems](#) (4)
- [future risks](#) (2)
- [future technology](#) (11)
- [future weapons](#) (1)
- [futurology](#) (2)
- [galactic empire](#) (1)
- [galaxies](#) (7)
- [galaxy formation](#) (7)
- [galaxy spin anomaly](#) (1)
- [gamma ray bursts](#) (2)
- [gaslighting](#) (1)
- [genes](#) (17)
- [genetic engineering](#) (17)
- [genetics](#) (13)
- [geoengineering](#) (2)
- [ghosts](#) (29)
- [global consciousness project](#) (2)
- [global food supply](#) (5)
- [global organizing activity of a life-force \(GOAL\)](#) (4)
- [global risks](#) (1)
- [global warming](#) (22)
- [GMO](#) (3)
- [God](#) (2)
- [gradualism](#) (2)
- [grand unification theories](#) (1)
- [Great Filter](#) (2)
- [grey goo](#) (1)
- [groupthink](#) (6)
- [habitable zone](#) (1)
- [hallucinogenic drugs](#) (1)
- [happiness](#) (1)
- [heart attack risk](#) (1)
- [heritability of intelligence](#) (1)
- [hierarchy problem](#) (1)
- [Higgs mass](#) (1)
- [higher dimension](#) (1)
- [holographs](#) (1)



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88077573/1910-09-15/ed-1/seq-2/#>

Here is another account of a dream that seemed to foretell a death:



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045830/1906-09-23/ed-1/seq-9/>

Typically in this series when I discuss a dream, vision or premonition, such a thing occurs to a living person. But in the case below the report is of the premonition occurring by a deceased person warning a living person:

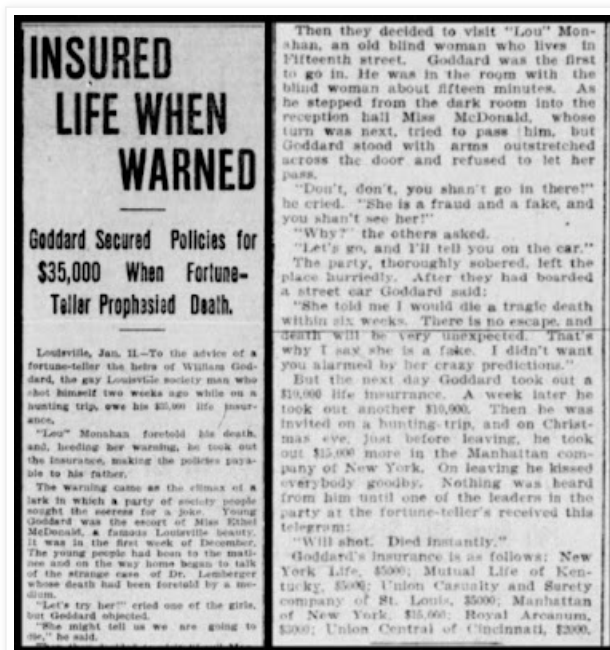
- [homeopathy](#) (2)
- [homochirality](#) (2)
- [homosexuality](#) (3)
- [how to test telepathy using family members](#) (1)
- [human body plan](#) (1)
- [human extinction](#) (2)
- [human history](#) (1)
- [human intelligence](#) (4)
- [human knowledge](#) (1)
- [hurricanes](#) (1)
- [hypermnesia](#) (1)
- [hyperthymesia](#) (2)
- [hypnotic trance](#) (17)
- [idealism](#) (4)
- [ideological regimes](#) (1)
- [immortality](#) (3)
- [inflation theory](#) (6)
- [information](#) (1)
- [integrated information theory](#) (1)
- [intelligent design](#) (2)
- [interplanetary travel](#) (1)
- [interstellar colonization](#) (3)
- [interstellar communication](#) (1)
- [interstellar travel](#) (9)
- [Iraq war](#) (1)
- [K2-18 b](#) (1)
- [Kepler Space Telescope](#) (2)
- [Kepler-78b](#) (1)
- [ketamine](#) (1)
- [Kirlian photography](#) (1)
- [lambda cold dark matter theory](#) (5)
- [language acquisition](#) (2)
- [Large Hadron Collider](#) (2)
- [laws of nature](#) (6)
- [LCDM theory](#) (1)
- [leisure](#) (1)
- [levitation](#) (21)
- [life after death](#) (72)
- [life extension](#) (8)
- [Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment](#) (1)
- [Mad Scientist](#) (1)
- [Many Worlds theory](#) (6)
- [Mars](#) (18)
- [Mars lights](#) (4)
- [Mars strange objects](#) (8)
- [materialism](#) (8)
- [materialism as religion](#) (2)
- [materialization](#) (11)



You can read the full account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn93053726/1907-12-21/ed-1/seq-6/>

Below is an account of a man warned by a blind woman (a reputed psychic) that he would die an unexpected death in six weeks. Just that happened.

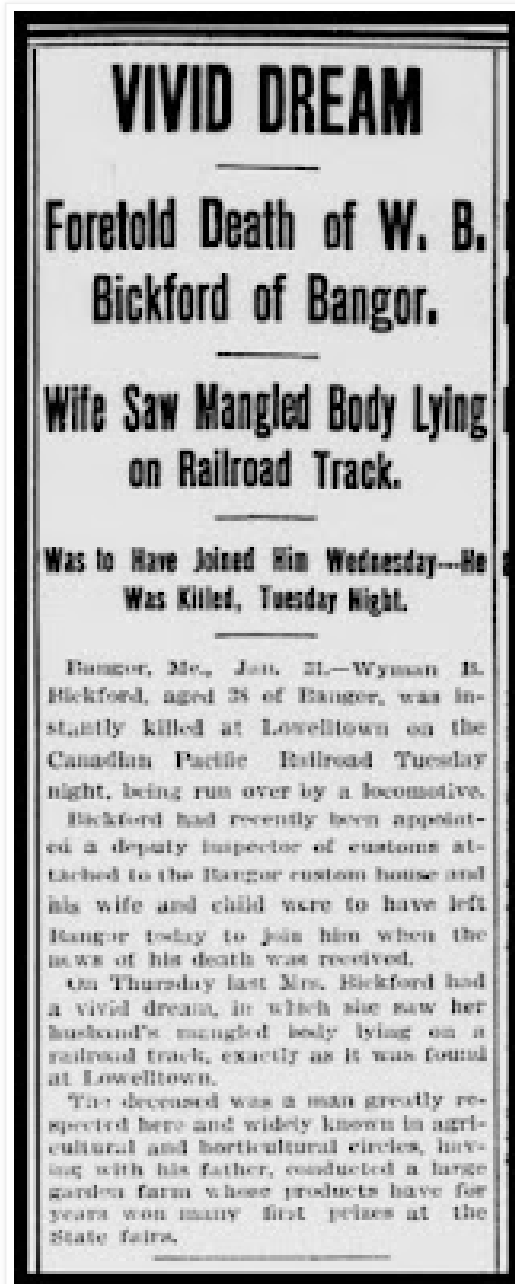


- [mathematical universe hypothesis](#) (1)
- [mathematics](#) (2)
- [matter antimatter asymmetry](#) (1)
- [meat consumption](#) (1)
- [medical care in old age](#) (1)
- [medical technology](#) (2)
- [mediums](#) (33)
- [mega-tsunami](#) (1)
- [memory](#) (44)
- [memory implant](#) (1)
- [memory retrieval](#) (4)
- [memory traces](#) (16)
- [mental differences between animals and humans](#) (1)
- [meta-analysis](#) (1)
- [meteor](#) (1)
- [methodological naturalism](#) (1)
- [Miller-Urey experiment](#) (1)
- [mind](#) (7)
- [mind linking](#) (1)
- [mind over matter](#) (6)
- [mind uploading](#) (5)
- [mind-reading](#) (4)
- [miracles](#) (2)
- [missing heritability problem](#) (1)
- [missing specifications problem](#) (1)
- [misspeaking scientists](#) (1)
- [molecular biology](#) (8)
- [molecular machinery](#) (2)
- [MOND](#) (1)
- [morphic gravitation](#) (1)
- [morphogen gradient](#) (1)
- [morphogenesis](#) (20)
- [multiverse](#) (28)
- [mutations](#) (1)
- [mysterious raps](#) (10)
- [mystery of existence](#) (1)
- [nanotechnology](#) (1)
- [NASA](#) (14)
- [natural history](#) (4)
- [natural history museums](#) (1)
- [natural selection](#) (31)
- [naturalism](#) (2)
- [nature](#) (2)
- [near death experience](#) (31)
- [near-death experience](#) (2)
- [Neptune](#) (1)
- [neuroscience](#) (51)

You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn91070630/1902-01-11/ed-1/seq-1/>

Here is another account of a dream that seemed to foretell a death. We read of a wife who had a dream on Thursday of "her husband's mangled body lying on a railroad track, exactly as it was found" the next Tuesday.



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014248/1906-02-01/ed-1/seq-1/>

- [neutrino](#) (2)
- [neutron](#) (1)
- [neutron stars](#) (1)
- [Nobel Prize](#) (3)
- [non-local consciousness](#) (1)
- [nonearthly pre-existence of the soul](#) (1)
- [nonneuralism](#) (1)
- [nuclear energy](#) (2)
- [nuclear war](#) (5)
- [nuclear weapons](#) (1)
- [nucleosynthesis](#) (3)
- [observer selection effect](#) (1)
- [ocean acidification](#) (1)
- [oceanic dispersal](#) (1)
- [optogenetics](#) (1)
- [orbs](#) (21)
- [organelles](#) (1)
- [origin of biological complexity](#) (38)
- [origin of elements](#) (2)
- [origin of flying animals](#) (3)
- [origin of genes](#) (2)
- [origin of genetic doe](#) (1)
- [origin of language](#) (7)
- [origin of life](#) (51)
- [origin of man](#) (16)
- [origin of Mind](#) (15)
- [origin of multicellular life](#) (2)
- [origin of protein complexes](#) (1)
- [origin of proteins](#) (3)
- [origin of sex](#) (1)
- [origin of sexual reproduction](#) (1)
- [origin of universe](#) (2)
- [out-of-body experience](#) (12)
- [overblown hype](#) (67)
- [overconfidence](#) (9)
- [overconsumption](#) (9)
- [overpopulation](#) (9)
- [overshoot and collapse](#) (1)
- [p-hacking](#) (1)
- [P/2013 R3](#) (1)
- [paleontology](#) (8)
- [pandemic](#) (2)
- [panpsychism](#) (4)
- [panspermia](#) (4)
- [paradoxes](#) (1)
- [parallel universes](#) (3)
- [paranormal healing](#) (2)
- [paranormal phenomena](#) (242)

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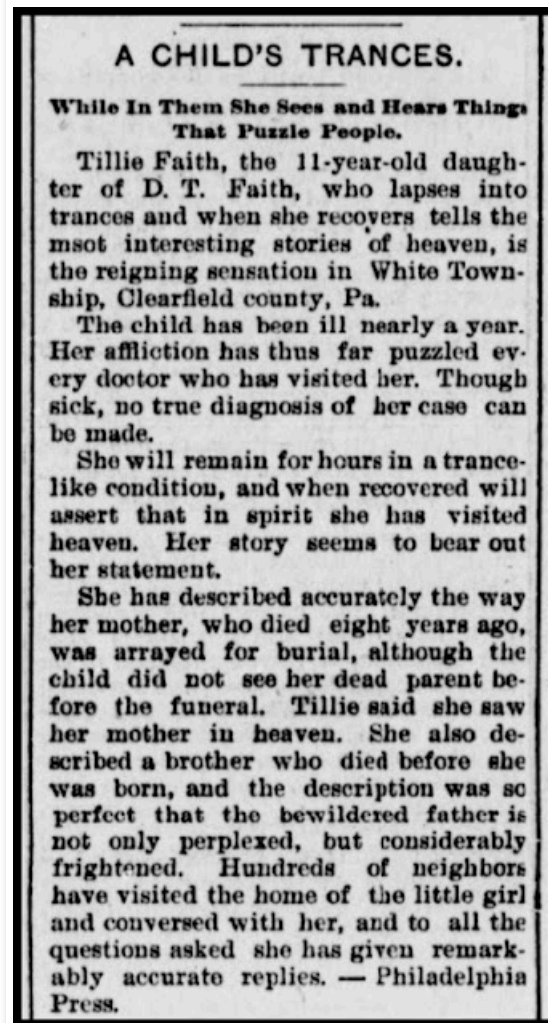
Labels: [dreams](#), [paranormal phenomena](#), [precognition](#)

Friday, November 8, 2024

Did Their Trances Give Them Trips to Heaven?

Very many people are familiar with the typical account of a near-death experience. A person may have some close brush with death. The person may report that he floated out of his body, or passed through some mysterious tunnel, or encountered a Being of Light. The person may report visiting some mystical or transcendent realm in which he saw a deceased relative or some religious figure.

There are some old newspaper accounts suggesting that something similar may happen not during a close brush with death, but in a trance. For example, there is the account below from 1897, discussing the experience of Tillie Faith:

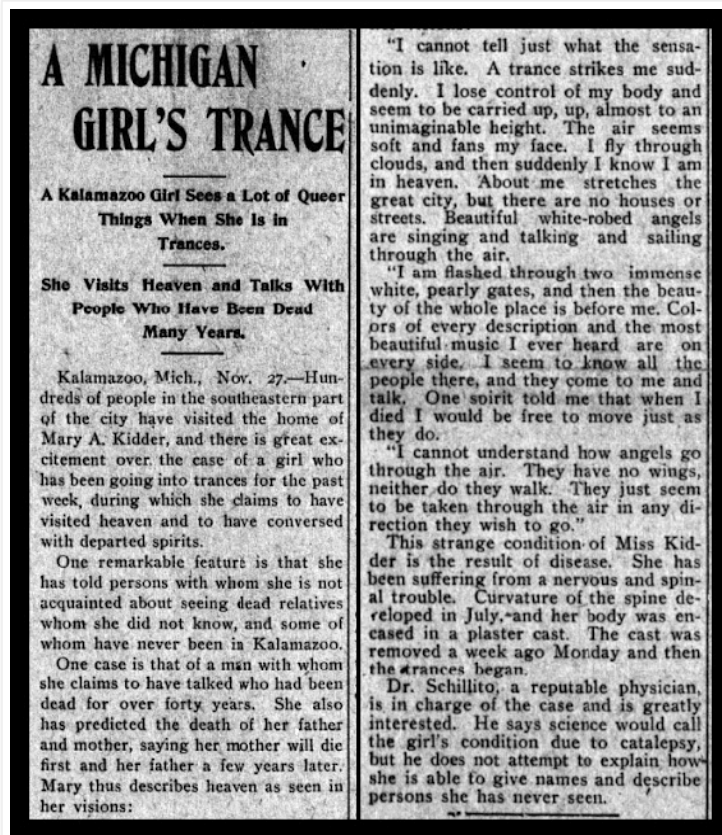


The account is from the old newspaper page below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86086632/1897-06-05/ed-1/seq-3/>

- [paranormal writing](#) (1)
- [paraverse](#) (2)
- [pareidolia](#) (2)
- [particle collisions](#) (1)
- [particle physics](#) (15)
- [peak coal](#) (3)
- [peak oil](#) (5)
- [peer review](#) (1)
- [phantom events](#) (1)
- [philosophical zombie](#) (1)
- [philosophy](#) (33)
- [philosophy of mind](#) (20)
- [philosophy of science](#) (3)
- [photography](#) (2)
- [phylogenetics](#) (1)
- [physicalism](#) (2)
- [physics](#) (22)
- [pigs](#) (1)
- [planetoids](#) (1)
- [plant intelligence](#) (1)
- [Platonism](#) (1)
- [polls](#) (1)
- [pollution](#) (4)
- [poltergeist](#) (2)
- [polygamy](#) (1)
- [pork eating](#) (1)
- [post-scarcity economy](#) (1)
- [pre-1975 near-death experience](#) (15)
- [pre-1975 out-of-body experience](#) (1)
- [precognition](#) (26)
- [predictions](#) (4)
- [primordial fluctuations](#) (1)
- [primordial singularity](#) (1)
- [problem of evil](#) (6)
- [prognostication](#) (2)
- [programmed material universe](#) (8)
- [protein complexes](#) (1)
- [protein complexity](#) (3)
- [protein evolution](#) (5)
- [protein folding](#) (9)
- [protein localization](#) (1)
- [protein molecules](#) (7)
- [protein sensitivity](#) (1)
- [psychiatry](#) (1)
- [psychokinesis](#) (8)
- [psychology experiments](#) (1)
- [psychometry](#) (5)
- [pulsars](#) (1)
- [qigong](#) (2)

There is also the account below from 1903 (click on the image to read it more clearly). The girl is apparently named Mary A. Kidder.



You can read the account on the newspaper page here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85042224/1903-11-27/ed-1/seq-9/>

An account of the same person is told below. We get more details about how she reported learning things on her trance trips that she had not previously learned while awake, details that were later confirmed:

- [quantum biology](#) (3)
- [quantum computer universe](#) (1)
- [quantum gravity](#) (1)
- [quantum mechanics](#) (7)
- [quasar polarization vector alignments](#) (1)
- [quasars](#) (1)
- [questionable research practices](#) (3)
- [racism](#) (1)
- [radical abundance](#) (1)
- [random universes](#) (2)
- [randomness](#) (2)
- [receptacle theory of consciousness](#) (3)
- [recolonization of Earth](#) (1)
- [recommended books](#) (15)
- [Reddit](#) (1)
- [reductionism](#) (6)
- [reincarnation](#) (6)
- [rejuvenation](#) (3)
- [remote viewing](#) (7)
- [replication crisis](#) (5)
- [requirements underestimation](#) (6)
- [resource depletion](#) (5)
- [retro cognition](#) (1)
- [RNA world hypothesis](#) (1)
- [robotics](#) (3)
- [robots](#) (14)
- [rogue planet](#) (1)
- [savants](#) (4)
- [scarcity](#) (1)
- [science and ethics](#) (3)
- [science and religion](#) (2)
- [science education](#) (1)
- [science fiction](#) (111)
- [Science fiction stories](#) (127)
- [science fiction story](#) (124)
- [science journalism](#) (22)
- [science textbooks](#) (1)
- [scientific authoritarianism](#) (2)
- [scientific consensus](#) (4)
- [scientific ethics](#) (2)
- [scientific explanation](#) (2)
- [scientific explanations](#) (7)
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- [scientific speculation](#) (9)
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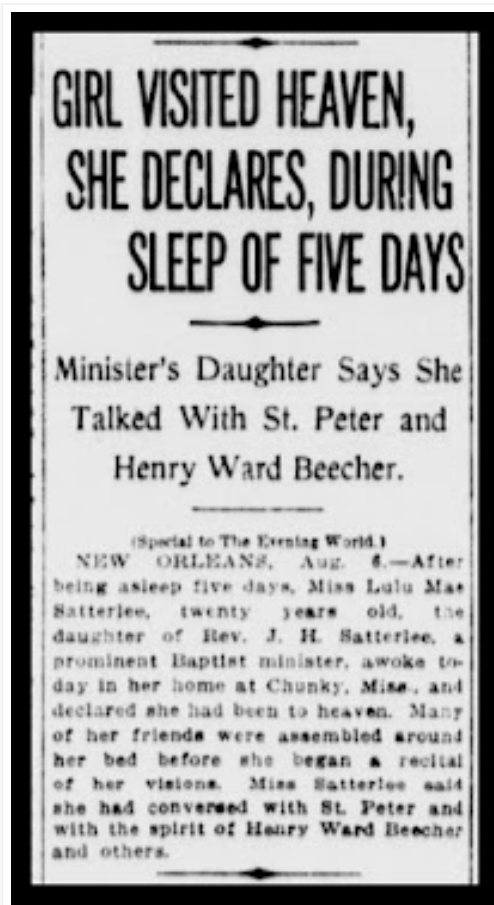


You can read the full newspaper account below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86069313/1903-12-04/ed-1/seq-6/>

Below is another newspaper account of someone claiming to have visited heaven while in a trance. The witness is Lulu Mae Satterlae.

- [scientific theory](#) (5)
- [scientific thinking](#) (1)
- [scientism](#) (1)
- [scientist flubs and flops \(image series\)](#) (8)
- [scientist misconduct](#) (10)
- [scientist overconfidence](#) (1)
- [scientist recklessness](#) (1)
- [scientist specialization](#) (1)
- [scientist subculture](#) (2)
- [self](#) (1)
- [self-consciousness](#) (2)
- [sensationalism](#) (1)
- [sensitivity of proteins](#) (1)
- [SETI](#) (19)
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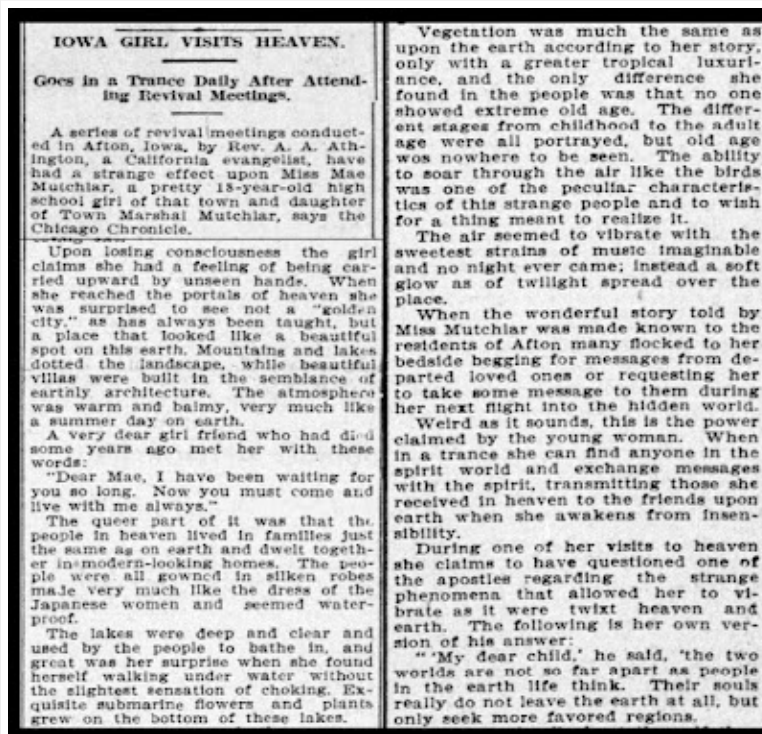


The link below shows the original page on which this account was published:

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The image below gives part of a 1907 news story describing a teenager's accounts of visiting heaven during trances. The witness is Mae Mutchlar.

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You can read the full story using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82016014/1907-03-28/ed-1/seq-8/>

An 1868 newspaper account of a trip to heaven in a trance is below. We should keep in mind that we have no direct quotes from the young teenager, so when the author uses phrases such as "heaven," "hell" and "the Savior" we don't know whether such phrases were used by the woman herself.

"The people living in the vicinity of Whiteland, Johnson county, have recently been very much excited over a matter which, to say the least, is very strange. Several weeks since, Miss Van Arsdale, a young woman about seventeen years old, living at the house of a family near Whiteland, in the capacity of servant, was taken sick with something like hysterics. She had been confined to her bed a little over a week, when, to all appearances, she died. The body, however, did not entirely lose its warmth, and a very slight pulse remained. The people with whom she was living supposed that she was dead, and were making preparations to bury her, when the physician interfered, forbidding any such step. After remaining in this state twelve hours, consciousness returned, and the girl pronounced herself much better.

She then went on to describe her sensations and experiences during the trance, averring that she had visited heaven and hell, and had

conversed with the Savior, and many persons whom she had known on earth. She spoke of seeing persons in both places who had recently died; in heaven a young man named Quinn, who, although at one time a professor of religion, had, in the last year or two of his life, led a bad life; in hell the two men, Hatchell and Patterson, who were lynched at Franklin on the night of Oct. 31st, for the murder of Lyons at Greenwood. Miss Van Arsdale sent for a number of persons in the neighborhood, and not only imparted to them news of lost friends, but told of sins committed by them, supposed to be unknown by any one.

Among others, was a man who had participated in the execution of the men named above. She told him that he had been there that night (which he acknowledged), and had in the sight of God committed murder. Previous to this, the names of the band had been kept a profound secret, and this man had not even been suspected. She narrated a good many tragic things, relating mainly to individuals both in this world and the other, many of which would have been almost impossible for her to have invented.

But the strangest part of the story is yet to come. A few hours after the expiration of the first trance, she predicted that she would have another, and told to a minute the time at which it would commence and at which it would end. Everything turned out as she had said; at the exact time she fell into the same state. In an ordinary trance, or cataleptic state, respiration is not suspended, but in this case breathing could not be observed. She was, to all appearances, dead; but the pulse beat faintly, and the body was not cold. All sensation was gone. The physician made numerous experiments, pricking the body, opening veins, and so forth, to discover if there could be any deception. In the end he was perfectly convinced that there was none. At the expiration of the time set by herself, she came to, and in a few hours was well enough to leave her bed and go about the house. The story of her experience, in the second trance, was similar to the first one, and was confined almost wholly to individuals. She seemed unable to describe the places she had been in, but gave histories of events and persons with remarkable minuteness. She also said that she would never

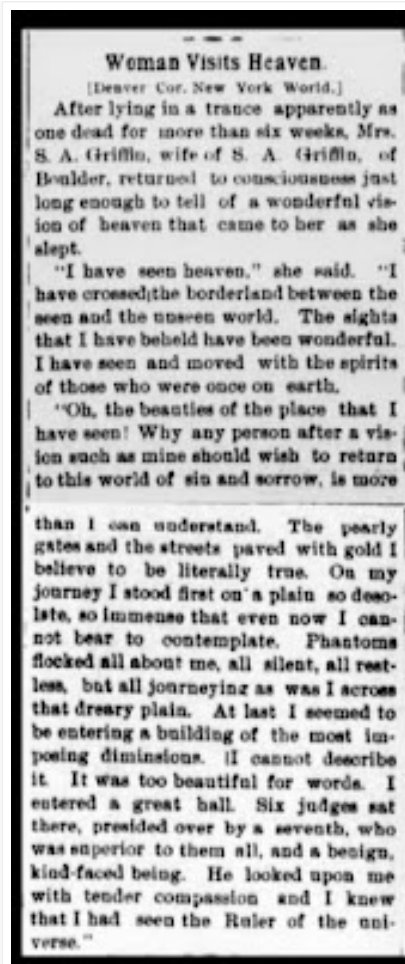
*have a recurrence of the trance unless she should commit some flagrant sin;
her authority for this prediction was that the Lord himself had told her so.*

This is certainly a strange thing. The girl is uneducated, and has lived about as a servant ever since she was able to work. She has always borne a good character for truthfulness, and is a member of a church. She is almost the last person in the world to have manufactured such stories, and one thing especially noticeable is the fact of her sending for persons to whom, before her illness, she would have been afraid to have spoken, and conversing with them without the least restraint, and telling them stories and facts not the most palatable to worldly people. She was visited by a great many people, some of them eminently respectable, who vouch for many of the statements of her illness. The physician in attendance is positive as to her condition during the whole time ; and had it not been for him, she would have been buried alive."

The full account can be read using the link below:

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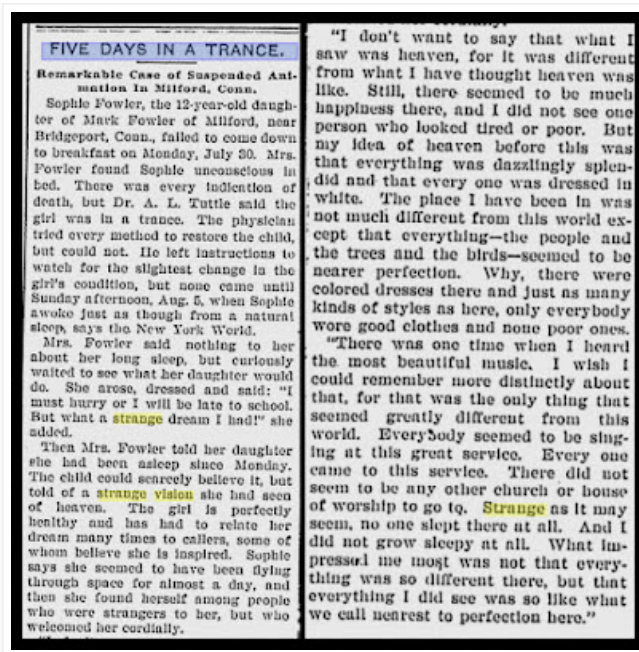
The report below is from 1906, and the witness is Mrs. S. A. Griffin.



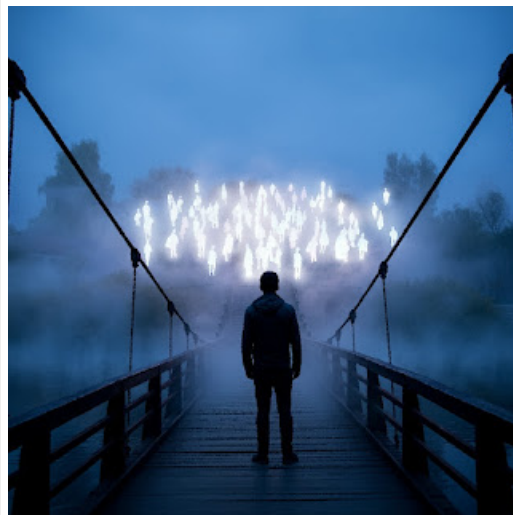
The account can be read on the newspaper page below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84037890/1906-02-28/ed-1/seq-4/>

Below we read a description of the trance experience of Sophie Fowler:



You can read the account [here](#).



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Sunday, October 27, 2024

When "Spirt Writings" Show an Impressive Prowess (Part 3)

In [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) of this series, I examined some cases of claimed "spirit writings" which seemed to show great skill beyond any we would expect from those that put the words down on paper. Since writing these parts of the series, I have become aware of another impressive case of this type: the case

of Etta de Camp. I first became aware of Etta de Camp when reading the 1909 newspaper story below:



The story can be read in full using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85066387/1909-08-22/ed-1/seq-7/>

The newspaper tells us that Etta de Camp was a business woman who one day tried her hand at automatic writing. A person trying to achieve automatic writing holds a pen or pencil in the hand, next to a sheet of paper, and tries to relax, to see whether the hand might produce some writing that did not seem to be willed by the person. Trying such a thing, Etta felt an unusual sensation. After producing pages with meaningless scrawls, she began to get intelligible words, and the writing became more coherent.

On the page [here](#), Etta tells the story of how her attempt at automatic writing began. She says that she started to get more intelligible words after asking whether a spirit was present:

"The third night when I sat again and the hand began to write in the same way, I said aloud: 'If there is a spirit here who would like to communicate with me he must write more legibly.' After that I began to distinguish such words as 'and,' 'the,' 'farm,' etc., and the writing soon became readable and expressed thought. I received messages from one who claimed to be an Indian called 'Blackfoot.' Then messages came from one signing himself 'Lafayette,' whether the well-known Lafayette or another I do not know. For a time I received many messages from another Indian who signed the name, 'Three Feathers.' "

Etta claims [this then occurred](#):

"During the first part of March, I received several messages from my father who had passed away twelve years before. These messages were all to my mother, and concerned many things of which I knew nothing whatever, being absent from

home when the events occurred. Later, they were all corroborated by my mother as being true."

Etta claims this [then occurred](#):

"Then the handwriting changed and this was written: 'I am Frank R. Stockton. I have many stories I wish written out. I am glad I can write them through you. I have one I wish to write called 'What Did I Do with My Wife?' We will go on with it now.'"

Etta later [states this](#) about her automatic writing experience:

"When I lay the pencil down all connection is cut off, the same as when one hangs up the receiver of a telephone, and not one word, line or even the names of the stories come to me in any way until the work is again taken up. A remarkable feature of the stories is that during the writing, although days, weeks and even months have passed between the sittings, the pencil has never failed to continue the story without a break, as if no time had intervened."

In the newspaper story above, we have an example of one of the stories arising from such activity, a story which Etta says came from the deceased Frank R. Stockton. It's a pretty good story about a doctor who discovers a collapsed man outside, and begins going through the man's pockets, trying to find some address that the man might be taken to. In the story the man is arrested as a thief, and suffers legal troubles despite having acted only to assist the collapsed man. Frank R. Stockton is known to have been a story writer, and was the writer of the [well-known story](#), "The Lady or the Tiger?"

Below is a cover illustration of the stories produced under such activity, one depicting Stockton as guiding the writings of Etta:



The [book of stories](#) transcribed by Etta supposedly through the spirit inspiration of Frank R. Stockton includes the interesting story "What Became of the Ghost of Mike O'Flynn?" It tells a tale of observations by the disembodied spirit of Mike O'Flynn after his physical death. Below [is an excerpt](#):

"As the carriages drove up and deposited their occupants beside the grave, Mike's ghost, which still stood holding fast to the gates-ajar, had a fine view of the ceremonies from the floral-laden carriage. The first sight of the open grave made him gasp with terror, but this quickly changed to joy as he realized that he did not have to go into the grave with the body which now reposed upon the ground, in the fine mahogany casket. As the words of the burial service fell from the lips of the priest, Mike's ghost for the first time began to feel solemn, and the tears rolled down his cheeks as the casket was lowered reverently into the grave....His feeling of sorrow for his poor old body made the ghost of Mike deaf to the sound of weeping from his mourning family, so he did not get down from his seat to go and comfort them, but remained where he was, lost in thought. He was lifted down with the gates-ajar and placed at the head of the grave, where he adjusted himself comfortably with his back against a tree, his legs crossed and again quickly lapsed into memories of the past. So deep in the reverie was the ghost of Mike that he failed to notice the departure of the funeral entourage. Finally, arousing himself, he realized, with a shudder, that he was alone with the dead and he shivered as he gazed about at the monuments and graves."

The story includes much speech coming from the ghost of Mike, which is written in a thick Scottish brogue. The representation of how a Scotsman might speak is skillful. It's the kind of writing we would not expect from an American such as Etta.

Another story in the book is a long and very interesting fantasy tale entitled "[The Widow He Lost](#)." In the tale a journalist named John Blackstone visits ruins at Rome. Ignoring a sign telling him not to proceed any further, he discovers the ruins of some ancient palace. Exploring about, Blackstone is amazed to find some glorious palace inhabited by a Queen and her royal entourage. We read this passage, in which the lowly John gets himself out of trouble by pretending to be a visiting king :

" 'From what strange planet didst thou drop, sir, and how dared thou seat thyself upon my throne?' exclaimed the Queen, haughtily.

To his great joy, Blackstone realized the Queen was addressing him in his own tongue though with a strange arrangement of speech, and a brilliant idea flashed through his brain. He

resolved to use it, together with all the wit he had inherited from an Irish mother, in order to save his head from the spears held so dangerously close that he dared not move for fear of being thrust through the neck.

'If it please Your Gracious Majesty to listen to my tale, I will explain, that, being a king in my own country, the sight of your throne made my heart glad, and, being somewhat weary with my long journey, I seated myself without the formality of announcement, for there seemed to be no one about at the time.'
"

Later in the tale Blackstone eloquently describes his homeland to the Queen who apparently knows nothing of it:

"I am about to relate a strange tale, fair Queen, and ask Your Gracious Majesty to pardon me if I consume much time in telling it. Many, many leagues away, too far for the falcon to go and return in one day, is a beautiful island of the sea. To the north the snow flies, to the south the sun shines brightly most of the year. Both parts are good for your health at different seasons, providing you do not have to live in either one of them all the year around. In the centre, or between the north and the south, is a country designed by the gods, called England, and in that country a city is built for the favorites of the gods. The city is named London, and is filled with strong, brave men. and maidens with hair of gold, cheeks like the wild-rose, eyes like bits of blue sky, and skin of milky whiteness...Now, in this town, called London, are buildings of wondrous size and castles whose towers reach far upward to the sky. Among these many castles, built by the people for their lords, is one called the British Museum, and in this castle I live, for I am the King, and it is my home. See, here is a picture of it and my credentials, as well.' And Blackstone took from his pocket a letter with a large seal, and having a picture of the Museum at the head of the page, the seal and signature at the bottom, so that it looked imposing enough for a king."

On and on the story goes for many pages, telling a well-crafted narrative. Around [page 243](#) and the following pages we get some real character development and pathos, as the Queen (a widow) starts to tell of her attraction to Blackstone, and her pining for some love that might take her beyond her lonely life fulfilling royal duties. Blackstone asks the Queen whether she wants to go to England to see its glories, and the Queen agrees. The story is then neatly wrapped up as an earthquake strikes, leaving Blackstone surrounded by ruins. He is later recovered by a searching party.

All in all, the roughly 64 pages of "[The Widow He Lost](#)" (basically a novella) makes a fine work of romantic fantasy, one that is a very unified and coherent literary work, something much greater than we would expect to appear as some emanation from the subconscious of Etta de Camp. It is therefore not very hard to believe Etta's claim that the story came from the late great story teller Frank R. Stockton.

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Saturday, October 19, 2024

[Dreams, Visions or Premonitions That Seemed to Correctly Predict a Death](#)

In the series of posts below, I discussed dreams, visions or mysterious voices that seemed to foretell a death or disaster:

[When Dreams or Visions Foretell a Death](#)

[More Dreams or Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

[Still More Dreams or Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

[Still More Dreams, Visions or Voices That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

[Even More Dreams and Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

[Some More Dreams or Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death or Disaster](#)

[When the Future Whispers to the Present](#)

Let us look at some more cases of this type.

Below is a newspaper account that begins with some graphic pizazz:



Here are the details on the next part of the page:

OAKLAND, Oct. 27.—In a dream on Friday night there came to the aged wife of Fred Sugden, an old Southern Pacific employe, premonition of the death of her husband, which occurred shortly after noon to-day under circumstances of startling suddenness. Kneeling over the body of her dead husband at their home, 1607 Campbell street, Mrs. Sugden, in her great grief, sobbed the story of her remarkable dream which, less than forty-eight hours after it had come to her, was re-enacted with a shocking fidelity to the astonishing revelation of the night.

In her dream, Mrs. Sugden was engaged about her household duties, having bidden good-by to her husband, who had gone to his post at the Oakland broad gauge pier, where for ten years he had been employed as a ticket collector. As she dreamed, the wife heard a ring at the front door. Responding, she saw Mrs. Bert Curtiss, a neighbor and wife of Policeman Bert Curtiss, standing at the door.

"My husband has Mr. Sugden dead up the street," was the message the dream caller bore. Then the vision faded and Mrs. Sugden awoke.

It was 12:40 o'clock this afternoon when Mrs. Curtiss rang the front door bell at the Sugden residence. The wife responded. She had said good-by to her husband only a few minutes before the visitor arrived.

Messenger Tells of Death.

"My husband has Mr. Sugden dead up the street," said Mrs. Curtiss.

"It was the dream," shrieked the grief-stricken woman as she fell, fainting, into the arms of Mrs. Curtiss.

It was the fact, for not half a block from his home the aged railroad employe had dropped dead, stricken by heart disease, while he was on his way to his work. Some little children saw him reel, stagger and fall to the ground. They did not realize what had actually occurred, that the death, so remarkably foretold, had come. So the witnesses ran to Policeman Curtiss' residence close by and called him, saying there was a drunken man down the street.

Curtiss ran out and saw the prostrate form of his friend and neighbor. The hand of death was there, and before Dr. Vida Redington, who had been quickly called, could reach the scene the stricken man breathed his last.

Then, as if guided by prophecy, Curtiss sent to his own residence and told his wife to go at once and tell Mrs. Sugden what had occurred.

Thus the message of death was borne to the family with all of the detail that pertained to the dream of Friday night.

"The strangest story ever heard in actual life," said Policeman Curtiss, as he related the circumstances. "While she was not at her dead husband's side, Mrs. Sugden related the facts about her dream of Friday night, when with such startling effect the scene of to-day was placed before her mental sight. There was every condition of the dream fulfilled. Nothing that had occurred during the vision failed of recurrence in reality."

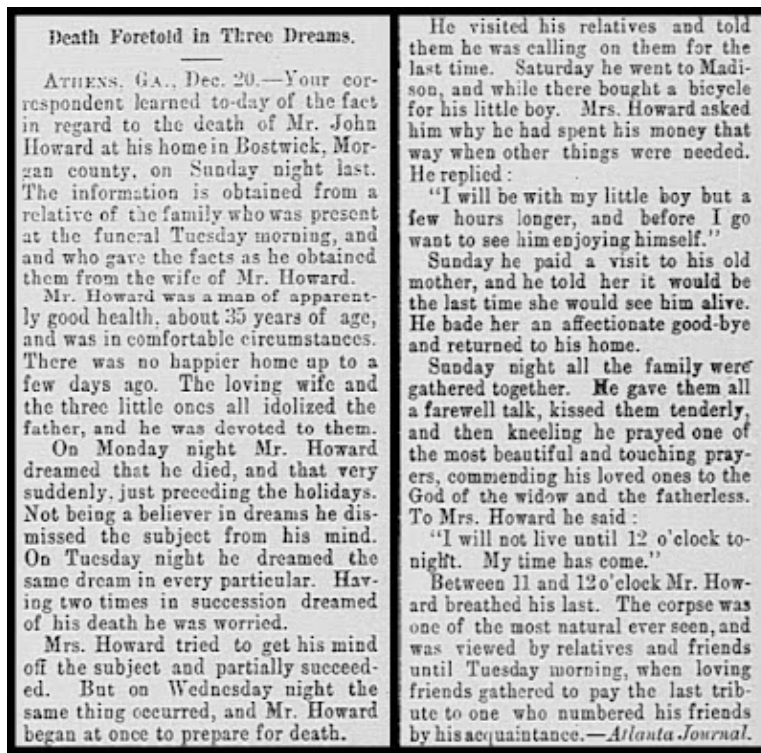
Time of Death Was Strange.

"The way I was drawn into it was rather peculiar. I had gone home for my lunch, and it seems strange Mr. Sugden

You can read the article here:

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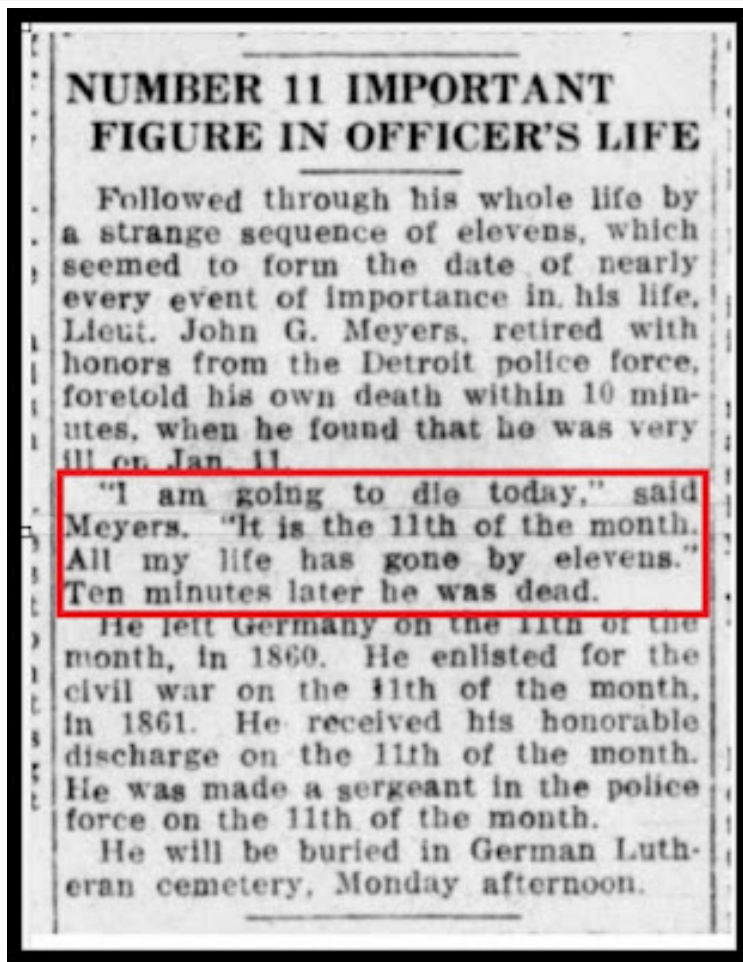
Below is a newspaper account of a 35-year-old man who had in quick succession three dreams of his own death, and who very soon thereafter did die unexpectedly.



You can read the account here:

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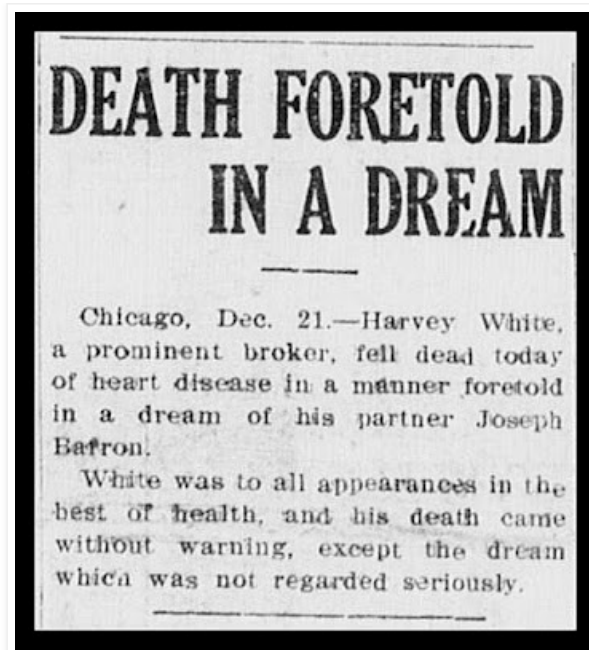
Below is an account of a man who had a premonition of his death, one that proved true ten minutes later:



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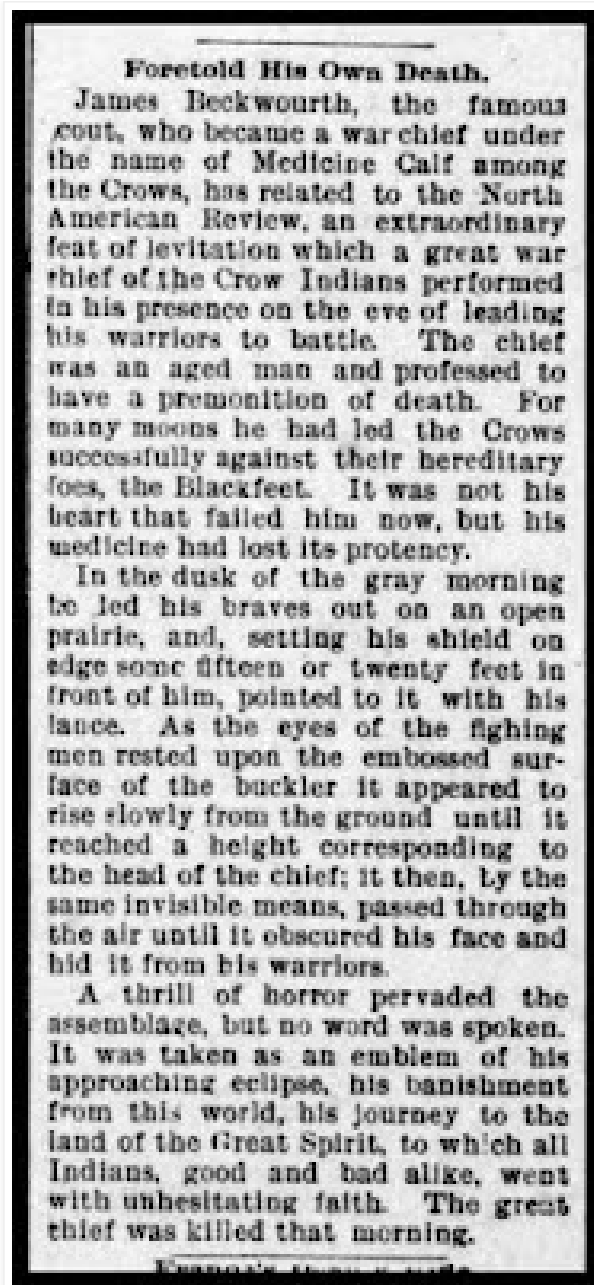
Below is an account of a man who had a dream of his partner's death, one that seemed to soon be proved true:



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86092066/1909-12-21/ed-1/seq-1/>

Next we have one of the strangest accounts to appear in this series of posts. It involves an account of the levitation of a shield, a levitation that is interpreted as an omen of death, an omen that very quickly is fulfilled. The account might be dismissed by a person not familiar with the [many well-authenticated cases of levitation of objects](#) (such as the very abundant cases of table levitations reported in the nineteenth century).



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87065215/1894-05-03/ed-1/seq-3/>

Below is a very sad newspaper account of a death foretold in a dream:



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85066387/1910-10-24/ed-1/seq-3/>

The account below is from December 11, 1883, and it summarizes a report that appeared in the Baltimore Sun three days earlier (an account quoted on page 291 of the document [here](#)). In the account a young man says that a deceased former teacher of his appeared to him in a vision and told him that he would die of heart trouble on December 5, at 3 o'clock. He did indeed die on December 5, at 3 o'clock, apparently of heart trouble, even though he had no history of heart trouble.

WARNED OF DEATH IN A DREAM
The Vision that Appeared to Christopher C. Brooks and the Fatal Results.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher C. Brooks, of Baltimore, lost their youngest son, Christopher C. Brooks, aged 17 years and 5 months, by death from paralysis of the heart in Brooklyn, on Wednesday afternoon under peculiar circumstances. The Baltimore Sun says that Mrs. Brooks was traveling in Europe, and had written her son, who was employed in New York and lived in Brooklyn, to join her. He responded, naming the time of his starting. In the interim he was taken ill, and on the day Mrs. Brooks received his letter she received a cablegram summoning her home on account of his sickness. On her arrival she found him able to go about, and his physician had no fears as to his perfect recovery. The youth stated, however, that a former teacher and friend of his, a Mr. Hall, who died about five months ago, had appeared to him in a vision and told him he would die of heart trouble on Wednesday, December 5, at 3 o'clock p.m. Young Brooks had never had any trouble with his heart, and his friends to whom he made the statement were in no way concerned about it. Dr. Maw, his physician, laughed at it, and said he was certain, on the contrary, he would get well. The young man was, however, thoroughly impressed with the belief that he would die at the time indicated. A few days before that time he sent flowers to some friends with a note, saying: "I shall never again be able to express my appreciation of your kindness." He accompanied a lady friend to an entertainment the afternoon of December 4, spent the evening in her company, and received a promise that if he wrote for her the next afternoon she would come to say good-by.

Wednesday morning young Brooks rose as usual, ate an unusually hearty breakfast, and to all appearances was good for a long life. The physician left him without a trace of uneasiness as to his condition. The young man insisted that his mother should not stay with him, telling her: "It would kill you to see me die." That he might not take the matter too much to heart she did not oppose him, but consented to leave him, intending to return to him in the latter part of the afternoon. While taking lunch with the family as usual at 2 o'clock he complained of feeling faint, and asked to be assisted to his room. After resting in the bed a few moments he wrote to the young lady, and in about twenty minutes she arrived. He died in the presence of the family at 3:10 o'clock. His physician and his mother arrived but two or three moments later, and were shocked to find his prediction fulfilled. His father had returned to Baltimore from visiting him some weeks ago. On Wednesday at breakfast his father remarked it was the day which his son had appointed to die, but with no thought that the prophecy would be fulfilled, and was astounded when intelligence of the death arrived. He was a young man of strong character, exceptionally good mind and splendid physique.

You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82015137/1883-12-11/ed-1/seq-1/>

Below is another newspaper account of a healthy young person who becomes convinced of imminent death, with the vision or premonition soon realized. We can only wonder what the woman meant by saying she saw "the crape hanging from the door."

Foretold Her Own Death.

The death of Miss Emily Cecilia Primrose of Brooklyn was foretold by herself a week prior to its occurrence. Miss Primrose was only 19 years old, tall, strikingly handsome, of fine physique and cheerful disposition. She had many friends, and while seated with several of them on the front stoop of her residence on the Thursday evening preceding her death she suddenly exclaimed:

"I shall not live another week. I have had a presentiment tonight by seeing the crape hanging from the door."

From that day until the day of her death Miss Primrose talked of hardly anything but her approaching death. She bade all her friends goodby, explaining her reasons for taking leave of them.

At 8 o'clock the next Wednesday morning she was taken ill with pains in the region of the heart. She had been troubled in a similar manner on other occasions, but thought nothing of it. In three hours she was dead.

You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026355/1894-09-29/ed-1/seq-7/>

Below is a sad account that appeared on page 58 of the January 26, 1934 edition of the periodical *Light*, which you can read [here](#):

"A woman went into hospital for treatment, leaving at home her husband and four children. One day she was suddenly seized with violent weeping and distress, declaring that her youngest child, aged four, had fallen into the river and been drowned. In order to calm her and convince her that her fears were groundless, the doctors allowed her to pay a visit to her home, where she found all well, including the youngest, whom she kissed and embraced repeatedly, returning to the hospital satisfied. A week later she received the news that this child had been drowned, exactly as she had foreseen."

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Tuesday, October 8, 2024

40+ Leading Researchers of the Paranormal

Below is a table listing alphabetically some of the leading researchers of paranormal phenomena. The list includes many scientists and physicians. Pressing the links in the right column will take you to relevant works by such persons, or articles about their work, almost all of which can be read online for free, without any login difficulties.

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Name	Description	Involvement	Link for more information

Barrett, Sir William	A physicist	Researched ESP and authored the book <i>Deathbed Visions</i> reporting deathbed apparitions	Link
Bem, Daryl	Professor of psychology	Author of a widely noted "Feeling the Future" paper documenting precognition	Link
Brittan, S. B. MD	A medical doctor	Author of a classic of parapsychology "Man and His Relations"	Link Link Alternate link
Bozanno, Ernest	Psychologist and psychical researcher	Pioneered the study of deathbed visions in his paper "Apparitions of Deceased Persons at Death-beds." Also wrote one of the first books documenting out-of-body experiences.	Link
Cahagnet, Louise Alphonse	Psychical researcher	His <i>The Celestial Telegraph</i> documented the most impressive clairvoyance in the subject Adele	Link Link
Carrington, Hereward	Psychical researcher	His <i>Eusapia Palladino and Her Phenomena</i> is a classic of psychical research	Link Alternate link
Chastanet, Armand-Marc-Jacques de, the Marquis de Puységur		A pivotal figure in psychical research but little known, he essentially discovered artificial somnambulism, later called hypnotism, inspired by the work of Franz Anton Mesmer. His work opened the door to later robust experimental evidence	

		for clairvoyance (read here for an example).	
Crawford, W. J	A mechanical engineer, which made him well-qualified for devising devices capable of testing whether paranormal phenomena were occurring at seances where levitation was reported	In three books published around 1920, he documented the most thorough and careful evidence of levitation occurring at seances	Link Link Link Link Alternate link Alternate link
Crookall, Robert	A geologist and psychical researcher	One of the first scholars to write books documenting out-of-body experiences	Link Link Link
Crookes, Sir William	A leading physicist who discovered the element thallium, and invented the Crookes tube that was the forerunner of all TV sets.	Supervised successful tests of paranormal phenomena with the medium Daniel Dunglas Home and Florence Cook.	Link Link Alternate link Alternate link
Crowe, Catherine	Psychical researcher	Her 500-page <i>The Night Side of Nature</i> was a deep dive into mysterious phenomena	Link Alternate link
Deleuze, Joseph-Philippe-François	A naturalist and botanist	Documented clairvoyance under hypnotism (then called animal magnetism)	Link Link
Esdaile, James	Physician and surgeon	Achieved the most enormous success in performing very many painless surgeries in India by using only hypnosis for pain relief.	Link Alternate link

		Documented the paranormal in his book Natural and Mesmeric Clairvoyance .	
Flammarion, Camille	Professional astronomer and psychical researcher	Author of the monumental three-volume work <i>Death and Its Mystery</i> (which you can read here , here and here), as well as the massive tome <i>The Unknown</i>	Link Link Alternate link Alternate link
Funk, Isaac K.	A leading scholar of the English language, who co-authored the famous Funk and Wagnall's dictionary	Author of <i>The Psychic Riddle</i> and <i>The Widow's Mite, and Other Psychic Phenomena</i> , giving evidence for the paranormal	Link Link
Fukurai, Tomokici	Professor and President of the Psychical Institute of Japan	Author of <i>Clairvoyance & Thoughtography</i> documenting paranormal effects	Link
Geley, Gustave	Physician	Author of <i>From the Unconscious to the Conscious</i> documenting the paranormal	Link Alternate link
Greyson, Bruce	Physician	A leading researcher of near-death experiences	Link
Gregory, William	Professor of chemistry at the University of Edinburgh (founded in 1582, and the sixth oldest English university)	Documented very carefully dramatic cases of clairvoyance, in his book <i>Letters to a Candid Inquirer, on Animal Magnetism</i> .	Link Link Alternate link
Gully, Dr. J. M.	Physician	Attested to the reality of the Florence	Link

		Cook/Katie King materialization phenomenon	
Gurney, Edmund	Psychologist and psychical researcher	One of the three authors of the monumental two-volume work <i>Phantasms of the Living</i> , the first major study of apparitions	Link Link Alternate link
Haddock, Dr. Joseph	Physician	His book <i>Somnolism and Psycheism</i> documented astonishing clairvoyance in his patient Emma	Link Alternate link
Haraldsson, Erlendur	Psychologist and psychical researcher	Co-author (with Karlis Osis) of <i>At the Hour of Death</i> , a major work studying deathbed visions	Link
Hare, Robert	Professor of chemistry at Harvard University	Authored the book <i>Experimental investigation of the Spirit Manifestations</i> asserting the reality of dramatic paranormal phenomena	Link Link Alternate link
Hodgson, Richard	Psychical researcher	One of the main investigators of Leonora Piper, eventually becoming convinced she provided evidence of life after death	Link
Hyslop, James H.	Professor of Logic and Ethics in Columbia University	Author of the book <i>Contact With the Other World</i> documenting evidence for life after death	Link Alternate link Link (p. 585) Link (p. 627)
James, William	Sometimes called the founder of	A noted contributor to psychical research, and one of the main	Link


	American psychology	investigators of Leonora Piper	
Joire, Dr. Paul	Professor at the Pstcho-Physiologioal Institute of France, President of the Sooiete Univbbselle d'Etudes Pstchiques	Wrote a 633-page book "Psychical and Supernormal Phenomena, Their Observation and Experimentation."	Link Alternate link
Kerner, Justinus	A physician	Pioneered the serious study of apparitions, and documented clairvoyance in Frederica Hauffe	Link Link Alternate link
Lodge, Sir Oliver	A physicist	Author of the book <i>Raymond, or Life and Death</i> documenting successful encounters with mediums	Link Link Alternate link
London Dialectical Society	A society with no doctrinal predispositions that made an elaborate investigation of paranormal phenomena beginning in 1869	Its investigators took direct testimony from very many witnesses, and published a 400+ page report documenting the reality of many types of paranormal phenomena.	Link Link Alternate link Alternate link
Lombroso, Cesare	A physician and extremely influential criminology theorist	Author of the book <i>After Death, What?</i> documenting the paranormal, including observations of inexplicable events at seances of Eusapia Palladino	Link Link Alternate link
Maxwell, J. MD	Physician	Author of <i>Metaphysical Phenomena: Methods and Observations</i> , documenting many	Link Link Alternate link

		paranormal phenomena	
Moody, Raymond	A psychiatrist and psychical researcher	Wrote the first widely-read book on near-death experiences	Link
Myers, F. W.	One of the main founders of the Society for Psychical Research	Author of the monumental two-volume psychology and psychical research work <i>Human Personality and Its Survival of Bodily Death</i> . Professor James H. Hyslop called it "a collection of scientific data and speculation that has hardly any rival in history for interest and significance."	Link Link Alternate link Alternate link
Ochorowicz, Julien	Psychology professor	Ran successful levitation experiments with medium Stanislas Tomczyk. Documented the paranormal in his 1891 book <i>Mental Suggestion</i> .	Link Link Link Alternate link
Osty, Eugene	Medical practitioner and director of the Institut Métapsychique International in Paris	Author of the book <i>Supernormal Faculties in Man</i>	Link Link Alternate link
Owen, Robert Dale	Once a US congressman	Author of two classic works documenting the paranormal	Link Link Alternate link
Radin, Dean	Physicist	Has done experiments showing psi effects	Link

Rhine, Joseph Banks	Professor of Psychology, Duke University	Did many years of experimental tests showing the reality of ESP	Link Link Alternate link
Rhine, Louisa		One of the leading collectors of accounts of spontaneous telepathy and spontaneous precognition.	Link
Riess, Bernard F.	Professor at City College, CUNY	Despite a lack of enthusiasm for the topic, he ran the most successful ESP test ever, getting "smoking gun" evidence	Link
Richet, Charles	Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology in 1913	Author of the long book "Thirty Years of Psychical Research." Documented paranormal phenomena occurring with mediums.	Link Alternate link
Schrenck-Notzing, Albert von.	Physician	Author of the long work <i>Phenomena of Materialization</i> documenting paranormal phenomena	Link Link Alternate link
Sheldrake, Rupert	Biologist	Did experiments supporting the reality of ESP	Link

Tweeddale, Charles L.	Minister	Author of a long book (<i>Man's Survival After Death</i>) that includes many cases from the annals of the Society for Psychical Research, as well as many fascinating first-hand cases of paranormal observation by Tweeddale and his family.	Link Link Alternate link
Wallace, Alfred Russel	Co-founder of the theory of evolution by natural selection	Documented the reality of paranormal phenomena in works such as <i>On Miracles and Modern Spiritualism</i>	Link Link Link Alternate link
Zollner, Johann	Professor of physical astronomy	Author of the book <i>Transcendental Physics</i> documenting paranormal phenomena	Link Link Alternate link

Below is a newspaper article by one of the researchers listed above, James H. Hyslop:

Posted by Mark Mahin at 5:00 AM [1 comment:](#) 

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Friday, October 4, 2024

When Dreams or Premonitions Seem to Act Prophetically

In the series of posts below, I discussed dreams, visions, premonitions or mysterious voices that seemed to foretell a death or disaster:

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[Even More Dreams and Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

[Some More Dreams or Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death or Disaster](#)

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Let us look at some more cases of this type.

Below is an example of a dream that foretold a death:

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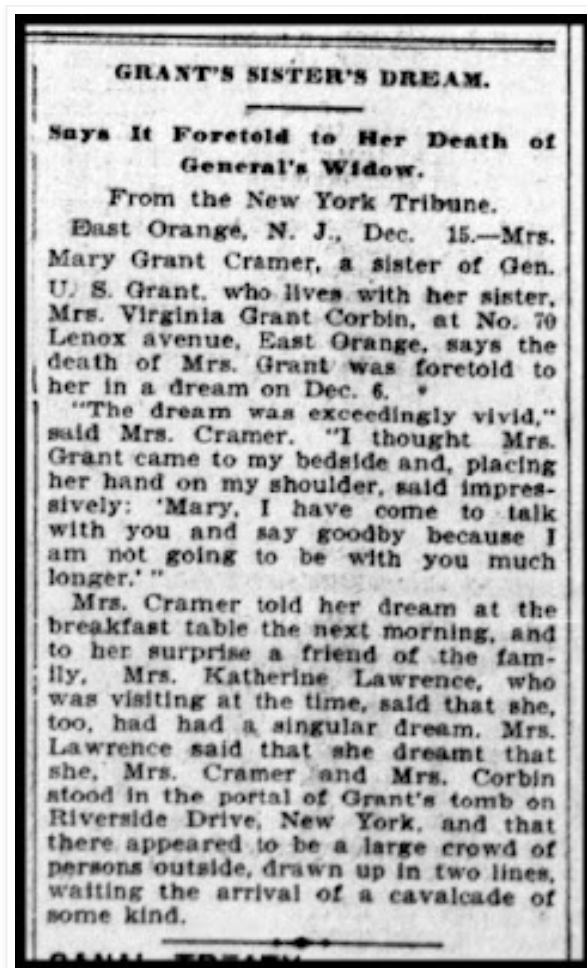
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Below is a similar account of a dream foretelling a death:



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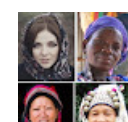
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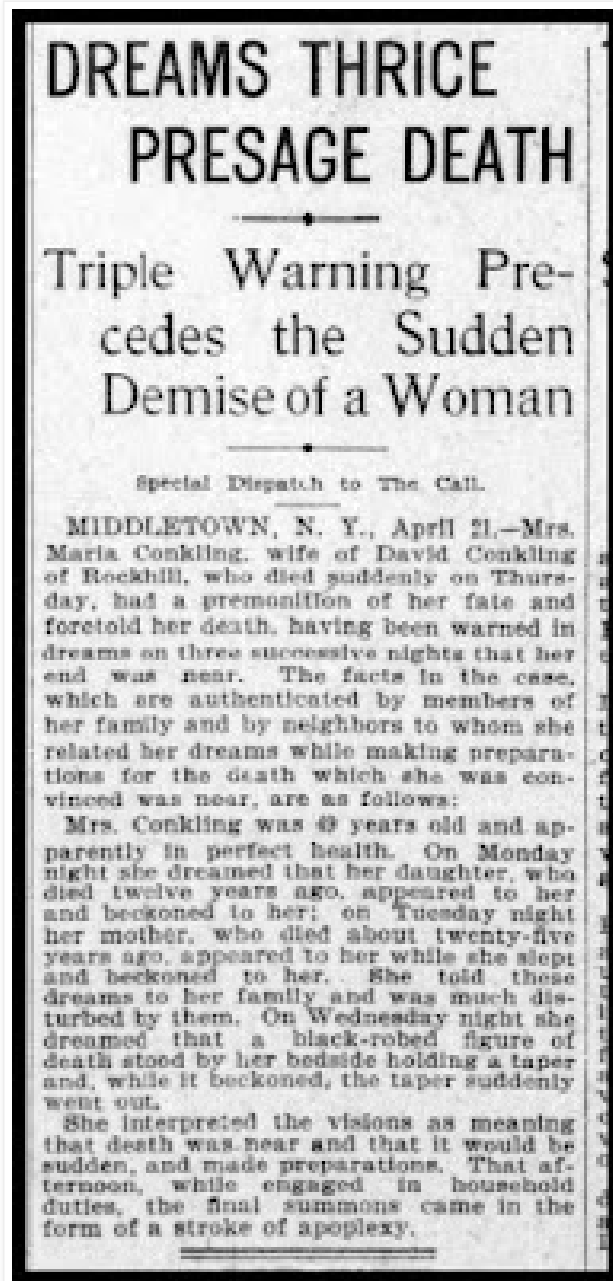


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Below is a similar account of dreams foretelling a death:



You can read the account here:

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Below is a similar account of a dream foretelling a death:

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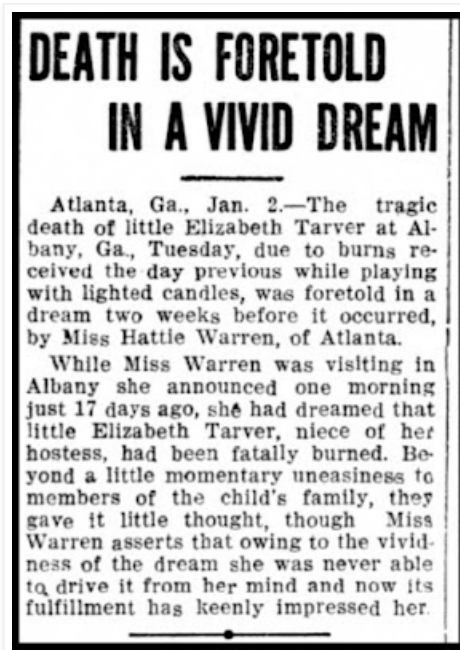
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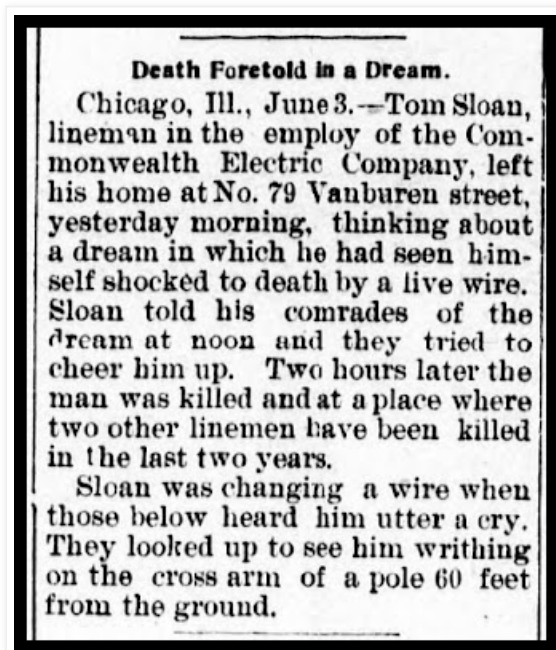
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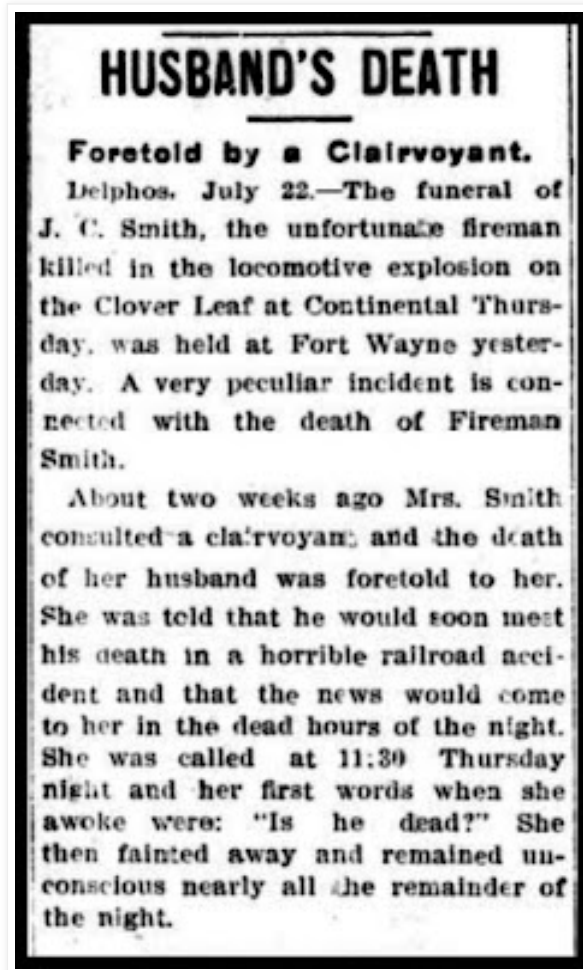


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- The Hypothesis of Continuous Life-Force Dependency
- Our Luxury Results Debunk the Multiverse As an Explanation

Below is a report of a clairvoyant who seemed to have an accurate premonition about how a husband would die:



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84028490/1902-07-25/ed-1/seq-7/>

Below is a tragic tale of a mother who had a dream that her son would drown, on the night before he did drown.

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Below we have a sad account of a wife who dreamed of her husband dying in a car crash a few days before he did die in a car crash. The account can be read [here](#).

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Psychic Experiences in the News, Part 2

Here is the second in a series of videos I am making about news accounts of ESP, precognition, out-of-body experiences, prophetic dreams ...

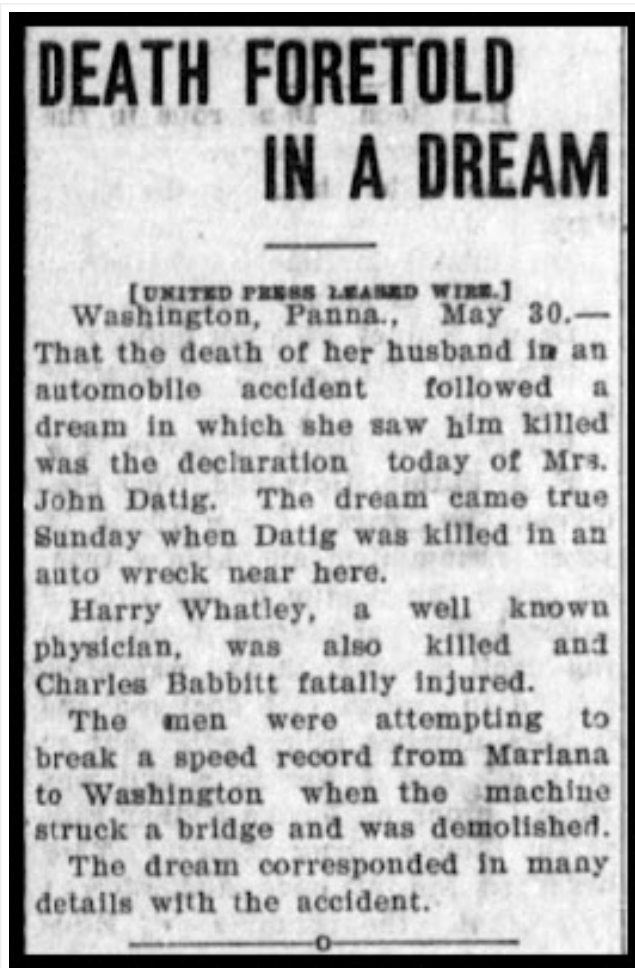


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Thursday, September 26, 2024

Naked-Eye Sightings of Mysterious Orbs (Part 8)

Below are some posts I have published about people reporting they saw mysterious orbs with the naked eye:

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Let us look at some more cases of this type.

The report below is contained on page 1 of the [May, 1934 edition](#) of *The International Psychic Gazette*, and seems to be a

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repetition of an account that appeared in the prestigious *Times* of London.

"PIRANO, a little town on the Istrian coast, peopled by fishermen and sailors, is greatly excited over a mysterious emanation of light which has roused the imagination and religious sentiments of the populace (says the Times.)"

*A woman, Anna Morano, was admitted to the local hospital some time ago suffering from asthma and hysterical attacks. About the middle of last month a nurse noted in the ward where the woman was sleeping with six or seven others **an intense light of brief duration which came from the bed of the woman in the region of her chest.** All the lights of the hospital were out and the windows closed. The nurse informed the doctors of what she had seen and the patient was watched.*

*For several successive evenings the luminous phenomenon was repeated. **Sometimes the light was directed upwards and took the form of a globe,** which shone in the darkness of the ward on to the nearest beds and even on to the walls, but at other times it lighted only the face of the patient and was in the form of rays. It was also seen to assume the appearance of broken rays resembling lightning. Its duration was invariably three or four seconds.*

*The Times also published a letter from Mr. R. H. Jackson, M.R.C.S., of Bridgeway, Bakewell, stating that a nurse described to him the case of a private patient who was lying in a comatose state for some days. **A light resembling a small luminous globe floated into the room, and, after remaining a minute or two over the patient, disappeared.** She did not mention the incident to the family, but discovered later that an old maidservant who shared duty with her had also seen it on several occasions."*

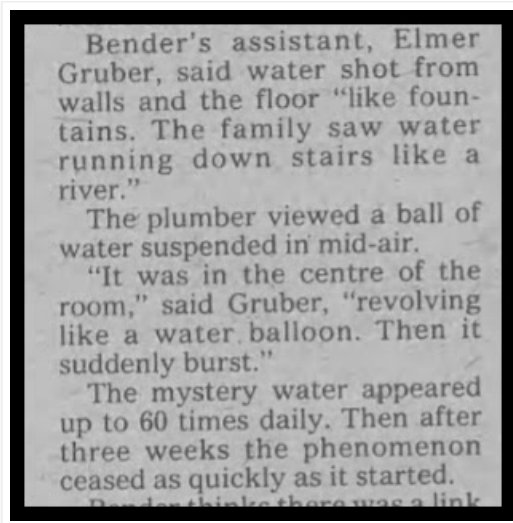
The International Psychic Gazette story speculates that the strange sightings were "spirit lights."

You will read very few accounts of the paranormal as strange as the account below:

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We read of a house in which unexplained water puddles were found. A paranormal investigator was brought in. Soon things much spookier were reported, as we read in the clip below:

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Most people have heard of near-death experiences in which someone has a close brush with death, and reports having some striking paranormal-seeming experience that might include seeing his body from outside of it or a trip through some mysterious tunnel leading to some mystical realm where dead relatives are encountered, or events such as a rapid life review or encountering a Being of light. Much rarer than such accounts are accounts that have been called shared-death experiences. Such experiences were discussed in the 2010 [book *Glimpses of Eternity: Sharing a Loved One's Passage From This Life to the Next*](#) by Raymond Moody Jr. In these "shared-death experience" accounts, a person in good health present when someone is dying may report some paranormal-seeming or mystical-experience far different from normal human consciousness.

On page 34 we have [this account](#): "When his grandfather died, the young man was astounded to see 'a golden ball of light' rise from his chest and pass through the ceiling." Another orb-related account is found on [page 69](#). On the day of a mother's death, a son recalls that "a globe of bright light formed around us," with scenes from the mother's life mysteriously projected on this globe.

The site www.adcrf.org is the site of an Afterdeath Communication Research Foundation organization. The site documents experiences that are often called "after-death communication." Such experiences include a wide variety of experiences in which someone may feel that there is some causal connection between the experience and a deceased person. These include things such as dreams of the deceased, a feeling of presence involving a deceased person, or some synchronicity experience similar to the one I reported [here](#) and [here](#).

- [cosmic evolution](#) (2)
- [cosmic fine tuning](#) (56)
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- [cosmic history](#) (1)
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- [cosmic layers](#) (1)
- [cosmic life-force](#) (1)
- [cosmic message](#) (1)
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- [dark energy](#) (8)
- [dark genome](#) (1)
- [dark matter](#) (27)
- [Darwinism](#) (55)
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- [dating](#) (1)
- [de-extinction](#) (1)
- [deathbed mist or lights](#) (2)
- [deathbed vision](#) (8)
- [definition of religion](#) (1)
- [definition of science](#) (1)
- [dehumanization](#) (2)
- [dematerialization](#) (1)
- [depression](#) (1)
- [developmental biology](#) (8)
- [diet](#) (1)
- [direct voice phenomenon](#) (1)
- [disasters](#) (1)
- [disease prevention](#) (1)
- [disintegrating asteroid](#) (1)
- [DNA](#) (24)
- [DNA divergence of humans and chimpanzees](#) (1)
- [dogs](#) (1)
- [double standards in science](#) (3)
- [doubt](#) (1)
- [dowsing](#) (1)
- [dreams](#) (22)
- [drones](#) (1)
- [DUNE](#) (1)

In a recent experience reported on the site, a person [states this](#):

*"I knew when Barbara died. She walked up to a pitch black wall and opened a door. Beyond the door was bright white light. Before she went through the door, she said 'see you later.' Very soon after that, I felt and saw a very strong bond of 100% commitment between us. It's an unbreakable bond. A day or so after that, **I see her blue orb with her telepathic talking to me.** I knew it was her. This was in the evening when I was watching TV."*

On HBO Max there is a series "Black Files Declassified" which has some interesting episodes. Episode 2 of Season 2 is entitled "Secrets of the Paranormal." The host interviews an investigator (M. J. Banias) who says he has seen strange things at Skinwalker Ranch. At the 10:10 mark the investigator says, "There's been a lot of ghost lights, blue orbs and you'll see footprints, and you'll hear things behind you, but there's nothing there."

For another report of orbs being reported at Skinwalker Ranch, see my post [here](#).

At the 1:50 mark in the program, host Mike Baker claims there was something called an Advanced Aerospace Weapon Systems Application Program, and that "its focus was on the paranormal, including ... ghosts and floating orbs." This claim comes from Banias.

The approach taken by host Mike Baker in the rest of the episode seems like a ridiculous one. He spends almost the entire episode rounding up some people who try to advance very dubious-sounding theories that secret government high-energy projects produced orb sightings.

In the HBO Max TV series "UFO Witness," Episode 2 of Season 2 has a theme of orb sightings. We hear near the beginning, "Sightings of glowing orb-shaped craft are on the rise," followed by the question "What do these aliens want?" The narrator seems to be jumping to conclusions here, assuming that any orb seen in the sky is some craft from another planet. We don't know what causes naked eye sightings of orbs.

"There's definitely light orbs in the sky," says one of the hosts, while in Auburn, Massachusetts (USA). Another host says, "Specifically there's been many sightings of a UFO that looks like a glowing orb." A narration then says (at the 1:43 mark) this: "In 2021 alone 48 glowing orb-shaped UFO's were spotted from New York to Maine." We hear an eyewitness account by a woman named Samantha Dick who in 2021 around 4 AM saw a

- [dwarf galaxies](#) (1)
- [dwarf galaxy rotation anomaly](#) (1)
- [dystopia](#) (1)
- [early habitability epoch](#) (1)
- [early Universe](#) (2)
- [earthlights](#) (1)
- [easy life hypothesis](#) (3)
- [education](#) (3)
- [elections](#) (1)
- [electromagnetic pulse attack](#) (1)
- [electromagnetism](#) (4)
- [electrons](#) (3)
- [EmDrive](#) (1)
- [emergence](#) (1)
- [EMP](#) (1)
- [end of the world](#) (5)
- [energy crisis](#) (3)
- [energy forecast](#) (1)
- [energy production](#) (2)
- [engrams](#) (12)
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- [ESP](#) (74)
- [esthetics](#) (1)
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- [extent of Darwinist belief](#) (1)
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- [extent of paranormal beliefs](#) (2)
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- [exteriorization of sensibility](#) (1)
- [extrasolar planets](#) (8)
- [extraterrestrial life](#) (58)
- [extraterrestrials](#) (36)
- [faint young sun paradox](#) (3)
- [fast radio bursts](#) (1)
- [fate of the universe](#) (1)
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- [fine-tuned universe](#) (7)
- [Flynn effect](#) (1)
- [forecasting](#) (1)

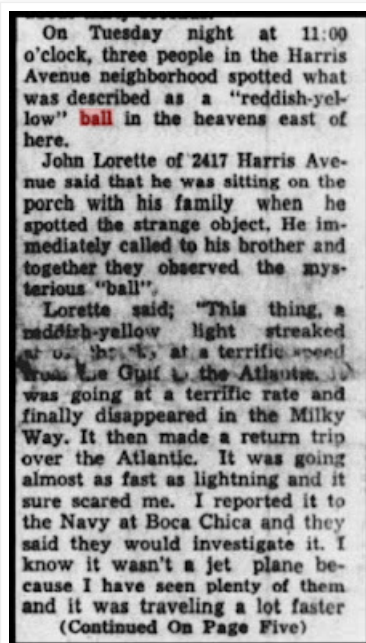
bright color-changing orange orb "like a blob of lava" floating about, one she captured in a video that seems to show something very bright hanging in the air.

Around the 28:15 mark someone says, "You have a lot of these people that have these interactions with these orbs, and are experiencing missing time." In a UFO encounter, a person will sometimes claim "missing time" involving a few hours that he can't account for.

In Episode 4 of Season 2, a woman says at about the 30:00 mark, "On my reservation we see these glowing orbs of light every night."

Early in the first episode of Season 1 of another TV series "Aliens in Alaska" we have an account by a couple who saw a big orange orb in the sky, describing it as extremely bright. We see some video footage showing such an orb in the sky. At the 17:20 mark of the second episode of Season 1a witness tells of seeing an orange sky orb going back and forth, and then suddenly disappearing. We have a similar report around the 39:00 mark and the 40:00 mark. At the 12:48 mark in Episode 4, Colei Stockton recalls seeing a bright orange ball of light in the night sky, one that soon disappeared. She says it was followed by a sighting of a huge ship in the sky. Around the 22:04 mark a witness says he saw two orange orbs in the sky.

Below is part of a newspaper account from July 24, 1952:



You can read the story using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83016244/1952-07-24/ed-1/seq-1/>

- [Fourth Dimension](#) (1)
- [free will](#) (3)
- [functional threshold](#) (2)
- [fundamental constants](#) (6)
- [fundamental forces](#) (5)
- [funerals](#) (1)
- [future contrasts](#) (2)
- [future entertainment](#) (2)
- [future eras](#) (1)
- [future happiness](#) (2)
- [future movies](#) (1)
- [future of consciousness](#) (2)
- [future of man](#) (19)
- [future problems](#) (4)
- [future risks](#) (2)
- [future technology](#) (11)
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- [futurology](#) (2)
- [galactic empire](#) (1)
- [galaxies](#) (7)
- [galaxy formation](#) (7)
- [galaxy spin anomaly](#) (1)
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- [ghosts](#) (29)
- [global consciousness project](#) (2)
- [global food supply](#) (5)
- [global organizing activity of a life-force \(GOAL\)](#) (4)
- [global risks](#) (1)
- [global warming](#) (22)
- [GMO](#) (3)
- [God](#) (2)
- [gradualism](#) (2)
- [grand unification theories](#) (1)
- [Great Filter](#) (2)
- [grey goo](#) (1)
- [groupthink](#) (6)
- [habitable zone](#) (1)
- [hallucinogenic drugs](#) (1)
- [happiness](#) (1)
- [heart attack risk](#) (1)
- [heritability of intelligence](#) (1)
- [hierarchy problem](#) (1)
- [Higgs mass](#) (1)
- [higher dimension](#) (1)
- [holographs](#) (1)

Below is a newspaper account from 1952, describing a "spooky, glowing ball of light."



You can read the full account using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1952-07-13/ed-1/seq-18/>

Below is a photo from an article in the Oklahoma City Times of March 26, 1918.



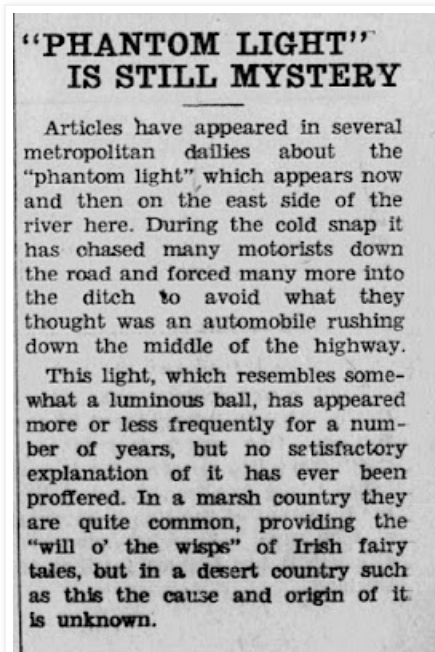
You can read the original account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86064187/1918-03-26/ed-1/seq-4/#>

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- [homochirality](#) (2)
- [homosexuality](#) (3)
- [how to test telepathy using family members](#) (1)
- [human body plan](#) (1)
- [human extinction](#) (2)
- [human history](#) (1)
- [human intelligence](#) (4)
- [human knowledge](#) (1)
- [hurricanes](#) (1)
- [hypermnnesia](#) (1)
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- [immortality](#) (3)
- [inflation theory](#) (6)
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- [integrated information theory](#) (1)
- [intelligent design](#) (2)
- [interplanetary travel](#) (1)
- [interstellar colonization](#) (3)
- [interstellar communication](#) (1)
- [interstellar travel](#) (9)
- [Iraq war](#) (1)
- [K2-18 b](#) (1)
- [Kepler Space Telescope](#) (2)
- [Kepler-78b](#) (1)
- [ketamine](#) (1)
- [Kirlian photography](#) (1)
- [lambda cold dark matter theory](#) (5)
- [language acquisition](#) (2)
- [Large Hadron Collider](#) (2)
- [laws of nature](#) (6)
- [LCDM theory](#) (1)
- [leisure](#) (1)
- [levitation](#) (21)
- [life after death](#) (72)
- [life extension](#) (8)
- [Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment](#) (1)
- [Mad Scientist](#) (1)
- [Many Worlds theory](#) (6)
- [Mars](#) (18)
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- [materialism](#) (8)
- [materialism as religion](#) (2)
- [materialization](#) (11)

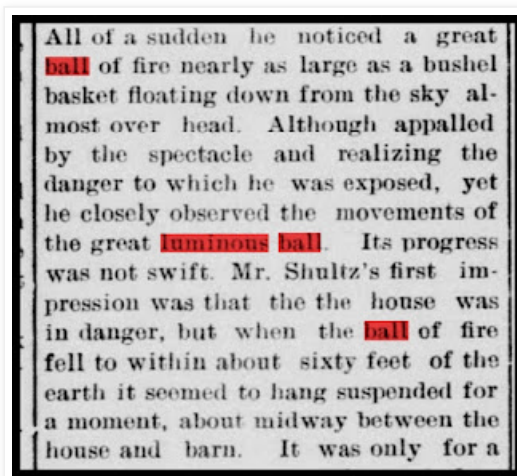
The account below of a luminous ball occurred in a 1936 newspaper account you can read using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87093008/1936-02-27/ed-1/seq-1/>



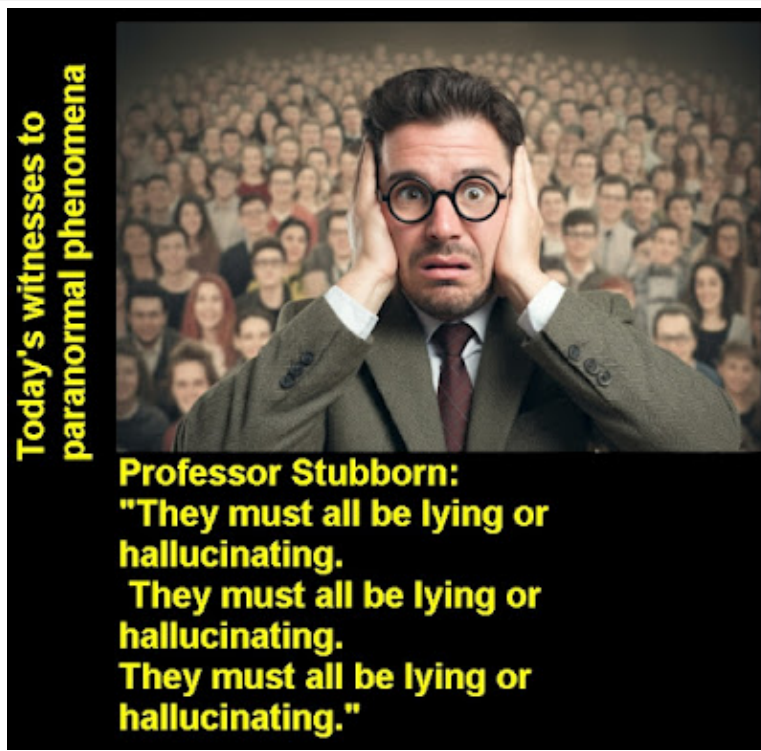
Below is a newspaper account of a sighting of a mysterious orb. You can read the full account here (under the headline "Mr. Schulz Views Weird Spectacle"):

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86083264/1906-08-09/ed-1/seq-2/#date1=1756&index>



How are the professors of our universities responding to all the reports of paranormal phenomena that keep arriving so abundantly? The visual below depicts the "head buried in the sand" approach of these authorities:

- [mathematical universe hypothesis](#) (1)
- [mathematics](#) (2)
- [matter antimatter asymmetry](#) (1)
- [meat consumption](#) (1)
- [medical care in old age](#) (1)
- [medical technology](#) (2)
- [mediums](#) (33)
- [mega-tsunami](#) (1)
- [memory](#) (44)
- [memory implant](#) (1)
- [memory retrieval](#) (4)
- [memory traces](#) (16)
- [mental differences between animals and humans](#) (1)
- [meta-analysis](#) (1)
- [meteor](#) (1)
- [methodological naturalism](#) (1)
- [Miller-Urey experiment](#) (1)
- [mind](#) (7)
- [mind linking](#) (1)
- [mind over matter](#) (6)
- [mind uploading](#) (5)
- [mind-reading](#) (4)
- [miracles](#) (2)
- [missing heritability problem](#) (1)
- [missing specifications problem](#) (1)
- [misspeaking scientists](#) (1)
- [molecular biology](#) (8)
- [molecular machinery](#) (2)
- [MOND](#) (1)
- [morphic gravitation](#) (1)
- [morphogen gradient](#) (1)
- [morphogenesis](#) (20)
- [multiverse](#) (28)
- [mutations](#) (1)
- [mysterious raps](#) (10)
- [mystery of existence](#) (1)
- [nanotechnology](#) (1)
- [NASA](#) (14)
- [natural history](#) (4)
- [natural history museums](#) (1)
- [natural selection](#) (31)
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This University President Said He Saw His Wife's Ghost at Least 20 Times, Having Long Conversations

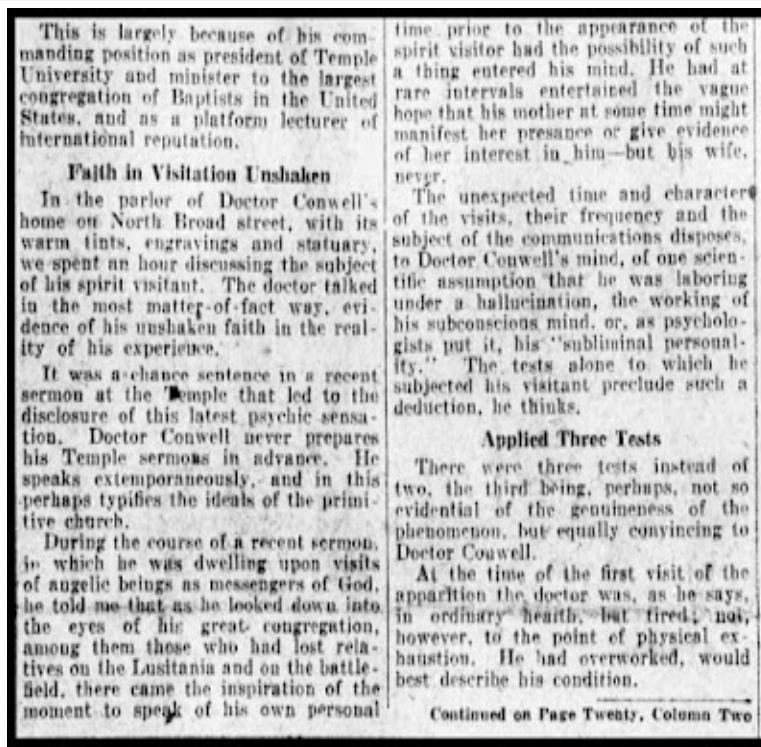
Below is the first third of a long remarkable account that appeared on the front page of the mainstream Evening Public Ledger of Philadelphia on December 22, 1919. The witness is almost as prestigious a figure as you could have found in that city at the time: Russell H. Conwell, the president of one of the city's main universities (Temple University):

- [neutrino](#) (2)
- [neutron](#) (1)
- [neutron stars](#) (1)
- [Nobel Prize](#) (3)
- [non-local consciousness](#) (1)
- [nonearthly pre-existence of the soul](#) (1)
- [nonneuralism](#) (1)
- [nuclear energy](#) (2)
- [nuclear war](#) (5)
- [nuclear weapons](#) (1)
- [nucleosynthesis](#) (3)
- [observer selection effect](#) (1)
- [ocean acidification](#) (1)
- [oceanic dispersal](#) (1)
- [optogenetics](#) (1)
- [orbs](#) (21)
- [organelles](#) (1)
- [origin of biological complexity](#) (38)
- [origin of elements](#) (2)
- [origin of flying animals](#) (3)
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- [origin of language](#) (7)
- [origin of life](#) (51)
- [origin of man](#) (16)
- [origin of Mind](#) (15)
- [origin of multicellular life](#) (2)
- [origin of protein complexes](#) (1)
- [origin of proteins](#) (3)
- [origin of sex](#) (1)
- [origin of sexual reproduction](#) (1)
- [origin of universe](#) (2)
- [out-of-body experience](#) (12)
- [overblown hype](#) (67)
- [overconfidence](#) (9)
- [overconsumption](#) (9)
- [overpopulation](#) (9)
- [overshoot and collapse](#) (1)
- [p-hacking](#) (1)
- [P/2013 R3](#) (1)
- [paleontology](#) (8)
- [pandemic](#) (2)
- [panpsychism](#) (4)
- [panspermia](#) (4)
- [paradoxes](#) (1)
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Below is the second third of the account:

- [paranormal writing](#) (1)
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- [pareidolia](#) (2)
- [particle collisions](#) (1)
- [particle physics](#) (15)
- [peak coal](#) (3)
- [peak oil](#) (5)
- [peer review](#) (1)
- [phantom events](#) (1)
- [philosophical zombie](#) (1)
- [philosophy](#) (33)
- [philosophy of mind](#) (20)
- [philosophy of science](#) (3)
- [photography](#) (2)
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- [physicalism](#) (2)
- [physics](#) (22)
- [pigs](#) (1)
- [planetoids](#) (1)
- [plant intelligence](#) (1)
- [Platonism](#) (1)
- [polls](#) (1)
- [pollution](#) (4)
- [poltergeist](#) (2)
- [polygamy](#) (1)
- [pork eating](#) (1)
- [post-scarcity economy](#) (1)
- [pre-1975 near-death experience](#) (15)
- [pre-1975 out-of-body experience](#) (1)
- [precognition](#) (26)
- [predictions](#) (4)
- [primordial fluctuations](#) (1)
- [primordial singularity](#) (1)
- [problem of evil](#) (6)
- [prognostication](#) (2)
- [programmed material universe](#) (8)
- [protein complexes](#) (1)
- [protein complexity](#) (3)
- [protein evolution](#) (5)
- [protein folding](#) (9)
- [protein localization](#) (1)
- [protein molecules](#) (7)
- [protein sensitivity](#) (1)
- [psychiatry](#) (1)
- [psychokinesis](#) (8)
- [psychology experiments](#) (1)
- [psychometry](#) (5)
- [pulsars](#) (1)
- [qigong](#) (2)



You can read the start of the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045211/1919-12-22/ed-1/seq-1/>

The rest of the account can be read here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045211/1919-12-22/ed-1/seq-20/>

At the link above we read this account of the first of Conwell's sightings of the apparition of his deceased wife (Sarah):

"The figure, or apparition, persisted for a few moments -without change of position, and as the conviction grew that he was really face to face with a discarnate spirit he endeavored to concentrate his mind on the message or words that the spirit was uttering. Little by little the voice became faintly audible and finally became fairly distinct.

Then suddenly the form disappeared.

This, and subsequently, was always accomplished instantly and without any preliminary indication of departure....In all the spirit, or apparition, appeared at least twenty or more times."

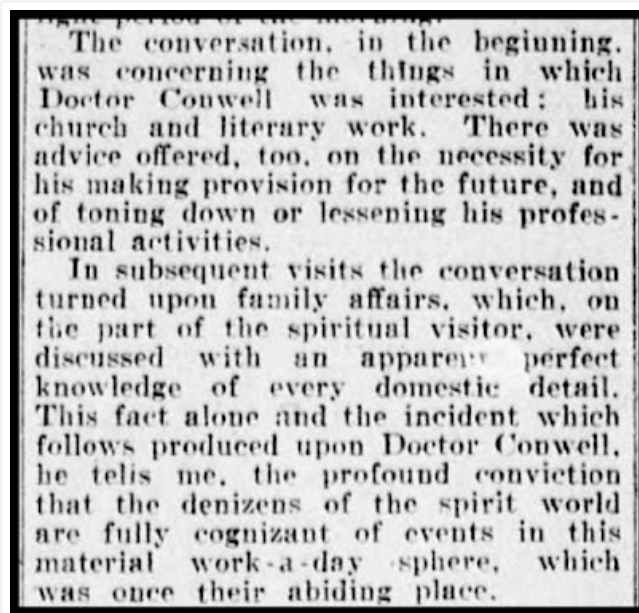
We read this about the second appearance of the apparition:

"The following morning the figure was seated on the side of the bed when he awoke, just as it had been on the preceding morning. Convinced now that he was facing a disembodied spirit and not a figment of the imagination,

- [quantum biology](#) (3)
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- [quantum mechanics](#) (7)
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- [savants](#) (4)
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- [science fiction story](#) (124)
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he concentrated all his faculties on the voice and words of his visitor. The voice was unmistakably that of his departed wife. She spoke just as she had done while alive....She spoke with the same knowledge of his affairs, the same intimacy, and the same deep personal interest in his work."

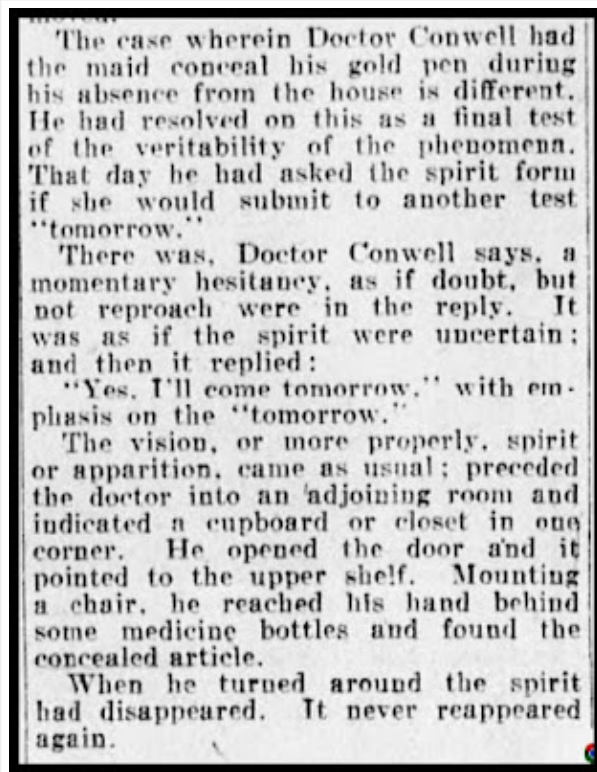
We next read this account of the wife's apparition engaging in long conversations with Conwell:



The conversations were apparently about earthly matters, and Conwell says in the newspaper account that he regrets not asking more questions about life after death.

Next we read of a remarkable test. Conwell's maid hid a pen in the house, in a spot Conwell was not aware of. Apparently asked to indicate where the hidden pen was, the apparition reportedly indicated the correct spot where the pen was hid:

- [scientific theory](#) (5)
- [scientific thinking](#) (1)
- [scientism](#) (1)
- [scientist flubs and flops \(image series\)](#) (8)
- [scientist misconduct](#) (10)
- [scientist overconfidence](#) (1)
- [scientist recklessness](#) (1)
- [scientist specialization](#) (1)
- [scientist subculture](#) (2)
- [self](#) (1)
- [self-consciousness](#) (2)
- [sensationalism](#) (1)
- [sensitivity of proteins](#) (1)
- [SETI](#) (19)
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- [sexism](#) (1)
- [shared death experience](#) (2)
- [shopping](#) (1)
- [short radio bursts](#) (1)
- [simulated universe](#) (6)
- [Singularity](#) (8)
- [skepticism](#) (9)
- [slate writing](#) (2)
- [slavery](#) (1)
- [sleepwalking](#) (2)
- [social media](#) (1)
- [social security](#) (1)
- [social trends](#) (1)
- [sociology of science](#) (25)
- [software development](#) (5)
- [solar flares](#) (1)
- [solar system](#) (1)
- [soul](#) (4)
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- [space exploration](#) (3)
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- [spiritism](#) (1)
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- [string theory](#) (8)
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- [sun](#) (1)
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- [superintelligence](#) (7)
- [supermen](#) (2)
- [supernovae](#) (2)



After this experimental triumph, the apparition was never seen again. Conwell states in the article that the events happened four years earlier.

A [web page](#) at Temple University says this:

"Temple's first president, Russell Conwell, was pastor of Grace Baptist Church and founder of Temple College. The temporary Board of Trustees elected him president of the faculty October 14, 1887, and he served until December 6, 1925, the date of his death."

Another [page](#) at Temple University make it clear that Conwell was the founder of Temple University, which started out as Temple College. We can understand why he might have wanted to keep quiet about this series of apparition sightings. In academia there is a taboo against making reports of apparitions, and in many parts of academia there is also a taboo against seriously and fairly studying such accounts in a thorough and scholarly way. Moreover, members of the Baptist congregation at this time typically did not believe that the souls of the deceased survived, but believed instead that the dead are silent and unconscious, awaiting a physical resurrection that will occur in the Last Days.

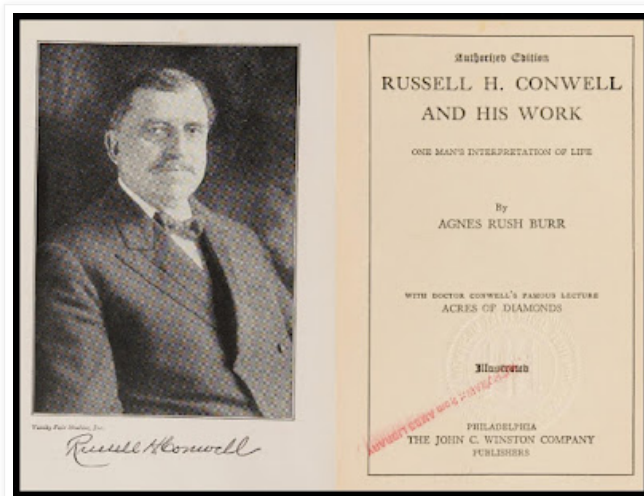
All in all, the account must stand as one of the most powerful pieces of evidence against the hallucination theory of apparitions. We have an extremely credible and prestigious person not just claiming to see one time an apparition of his wife, but claiming to see such an apparition 20+ times. In

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- [Venus colonization](#) (1)

almost all of these cases extensive conversations seem to be occurring. The witness reporting this was a high-functioning and very prestigious member of society, who we can safely assume was not psychotic while these events occurred. The successful test with the hidden pen (with a location unknown to Conwell) is some nice "icing on the cake."

Russel H. Conwell was so weighty and accomplished a figure that in 1926 (a year after his death) there appeared a 474-page biography of his life, which you can read for free using the link [here](#). The biographer seems to have never read the newspaper account mentioned above (or seems to have made no mention of Conwell's apparition experiences).

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- [von Neumann probes](#) (2)
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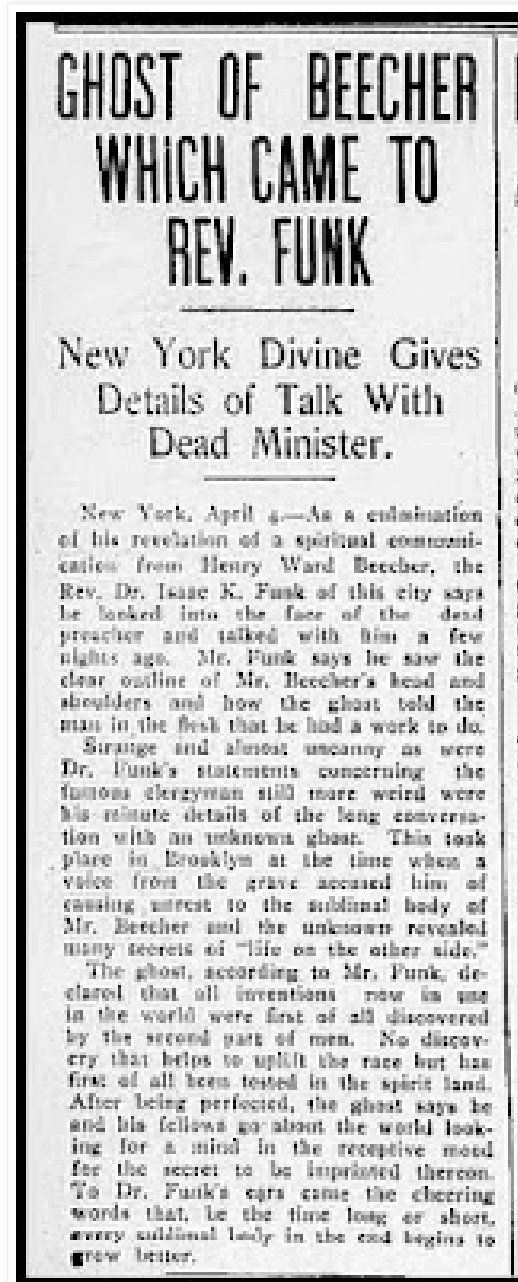


Below is a photo of Conwell's wife Sarah, who died in 1910. If you believe Conwell's account, we should regard her as being one of the most talkative ghosts in the history of ghosts.



Cromwell is not the only respected academic figure and reverend to report seeing an apparition, and to report having a long conversation with an apparition. The newspaper account below refers to two apparition sightings claimed by the

Reverend Isaac K. Funk, who is the same Funk in the famous Funk and Wagnall's dictionary. He claims to have seen the ghost of the famous preacher Henry Ward Beecher, and to have also had long conversations with an unidentified apparition:



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83025294/1903-04-04/ed-1/seq-6/>

Funk was the author of the long very interesting account of paranormal experience entitled "The Widow's Mite and Other Psychic Phenomena," which can read online for free using the link [here](#).

Apparently quite a few people claimed to have seen the ghost of Henry Ward Beecher, the same figure who Funk said he saw as an apparition.

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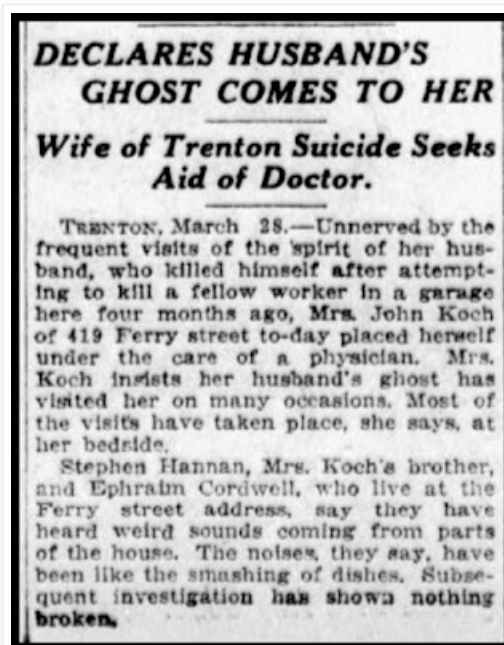
They Said They Saw a Husband's Apparition

My 2021 [post](#) "They Said They Saw a Wife's Apparition" describes many accounts of people who claimed to see an apparition of their wives. It's time I did a similar post looking at such reports coming from females.

The Chronicling America web site allows you to do text searches of American newspapers from 1756 to 1963. Searching for the phrase "apparition of her husband" on the site produces 45 matches. For example, in [one newspaper account](#) we read this:

"Calling together her friends and neighbors, she told them she had just seen an apparition of her husband, who, for two years had been absent In New York. He appeared to her to be lying in a hospital with one hand covering his breast, and he told her that he had been gravely wounded. The day after she received a cablegram from America informing her that her husband was dying, having been stabbed by an emissary of the Black Hand."

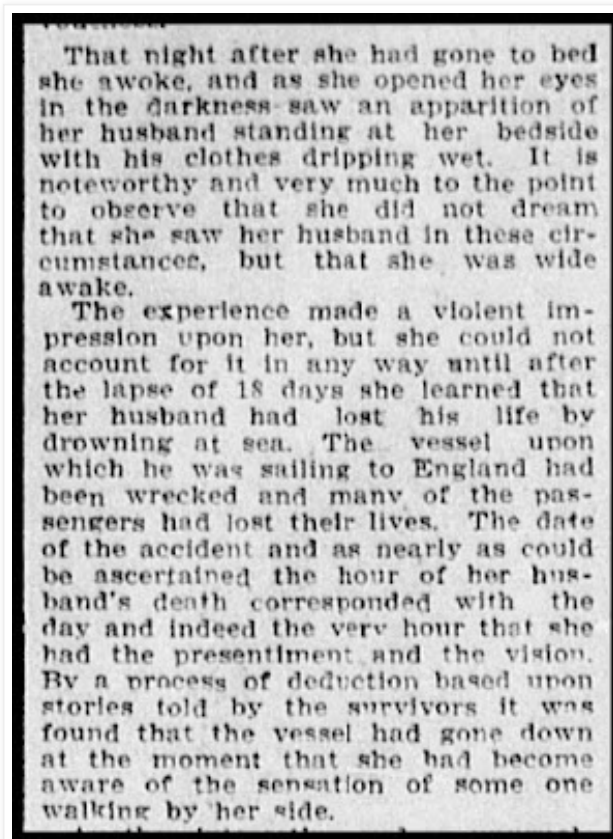
Below is another account of a wife seeing her husband's apparition:



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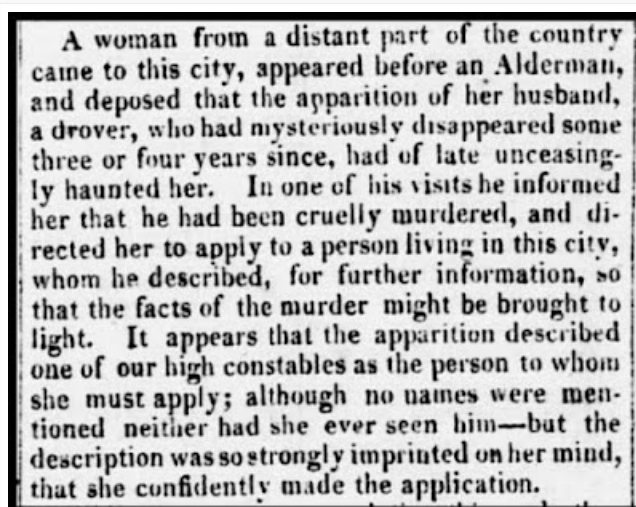
In [another newspaper account](#), we read this account of a wife seeing her husband's apparition:



That night after she had gone to bed she awoke, and as she opened her eyes in the darkness saw an apparition of her husband standing at her bedside with his clothes dripping wet. It is noteworthy and very much to the point to observe that she did not dream that she saw her husband in these circumstances, but that she was wide awake.

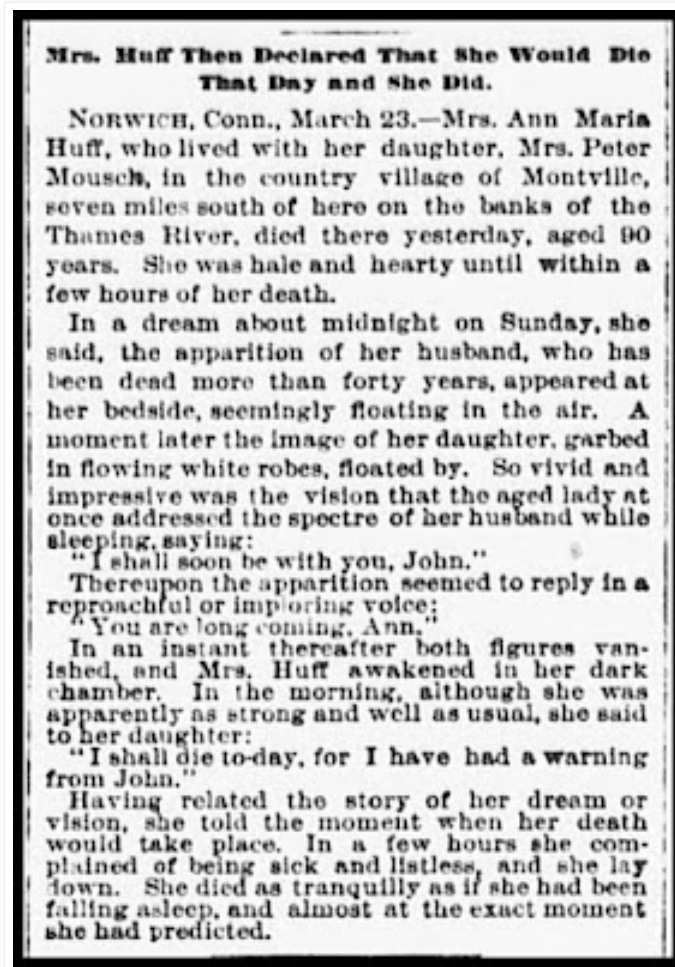
The experience made a violent impression upon her, but she could not account for it in any way until after the lapse of 18 days she learned that her husband had lost his life by drowning at sea. The vessel upon which he was sailing to England had been wrecked and many of the passengers had lost their lives. The date of the accident and as nearly as could be ascertained the hour of her husband's death corresponded with the day and indeed the very hour that she had the presentiment and the vision. By a process of deduction based upon stories told by the survivors it was found that the vessel had gone down at the moment that she had become aware of the sensation of some one walking by her side.

In [another newspaper account](#) we read this account of a wife seeing her husband's apparition:



A woman from a distant part of the country came to this city, appeared before an Alderman, and deposed that the apparition of her husband, a drover, who had mysteriously disappeared some three or four years since, had of late unceasingly haunted her. In one of his visits he informed her that he had been cruelly murdered, and directed her to apply to a person living in this city, whom he described, for further information, so that the facts of the murder might be brought to light. It appears that the apparition described one of our high constables as the person to whom she must apply; although no names were mentioned neither had she ever seen him—but the description was so strongly imprinted on her mind, that she confidently made the application.

The account below tells of a woman seeing her husband's apparition. It is case of a common type, in which someone sees an apparition of someone long dead, with the witness of the apparition very quickly dying. In this type the witness is "ghost-told" of a death, but not someone else's death, but the imminent death of the witness herself or himself. The wording of the account makes it unclear whether the witness was awake or having a vivid dream, although given the facts that follow, it may make little difference.



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83030272/1897-03-24/ed-1/seq-5/>

You might call the account below "the husband who broke up his widow's wedding":



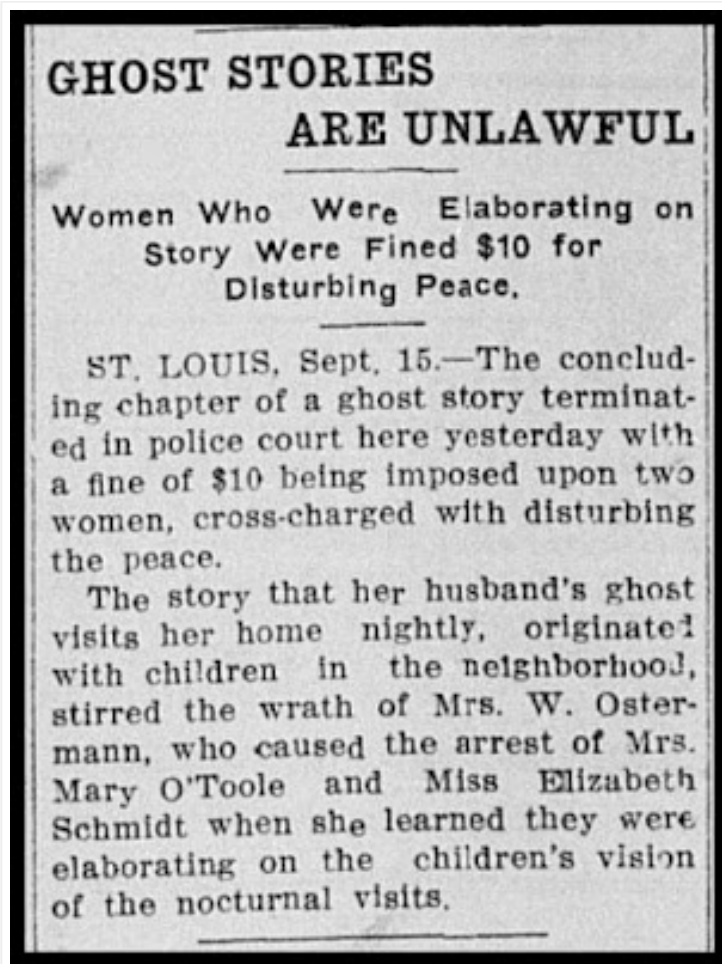
You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86091111/1907-12-06/ed-1/seq-6/>

Below is yet another account of a wife claiming to have been visited by her husband's apparition -- a chatty apparition, it seems.

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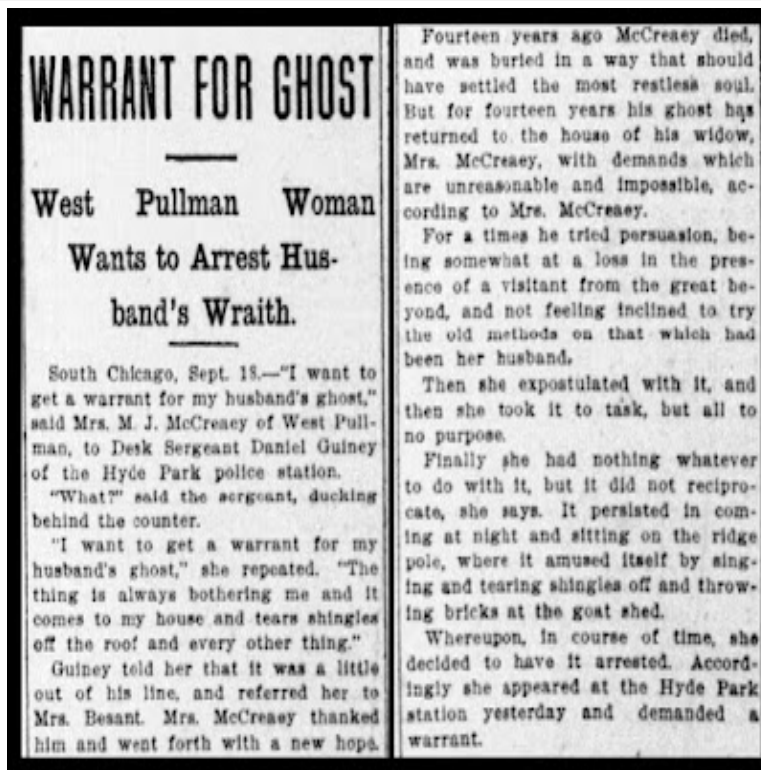
The account below (involving society trying to suppress an account of an apparition) reminds me of the similar suppression of accounts of the paranormal occurring in academia, which is constantly trying to uphold a senseless "nothing spooky allowed" filter bubble in which people are prevented about learning of relevant observations.



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83025182/1911-09-15/ed-1/seq-1/>

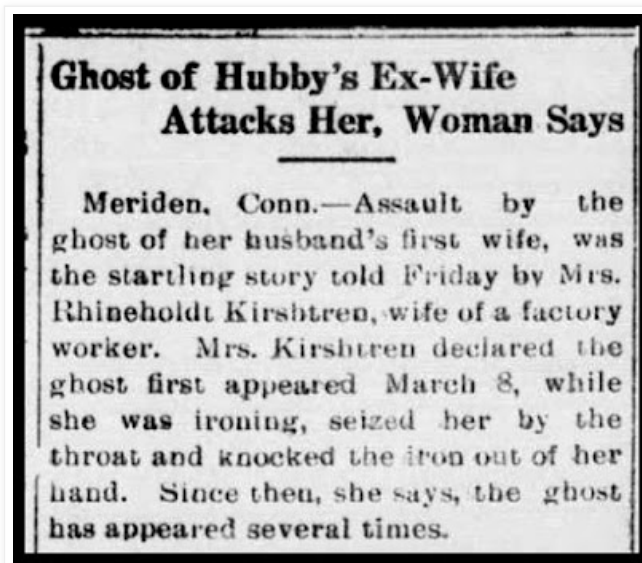
The item below is about as strange a story of seeing your husband's apparition as you could find. We read of a ghost haunting his wife's home for 14 years, until the wife finally got sick and tired of such activity:



You can read the account here:

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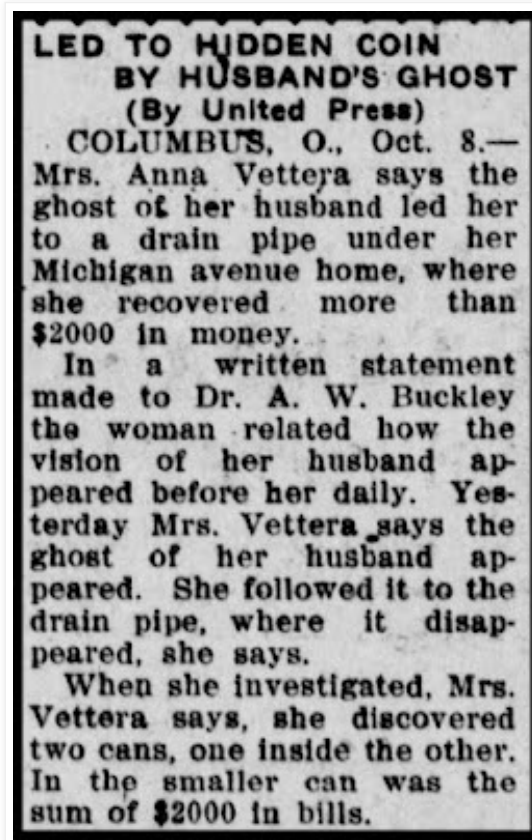
I hope any widow who sees a husband's ghost will have a more pleasant experience than the one reported below:



You can read the report here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn95063172/1922-04-26/ed-1/seq-4/>

A much happier account of an encounter with a husband's ghost is contained below:



You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88085947/1909-10-08/ed-1/seq-7/>

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A Related-Topic Diagram for Near-Death Experiences

At a site I read I got a link to a PhD dissertation on the topic of near-death experiences. The [dissertation](#) is entitled "Are Near-Death Experiences Veridical? A Philosophical Inquiry," and is by Monika J. Mandoki of the University of Western Ontario. I cannot recommend reading the document, which does a poor job of giving us relevant scholarship on the topic mentioned in its title. We get a 315-page document that wanders all over the map, without giving us much in the way of a discussion of the

topics the author should have been writing about to properly address the question raised in the title. I guess this is what we might expect from someone doing a dissertation to get a PhD in Theory and Criticism. The dissertation reads as if the author is trying to show how much she knows or has learned about various philosophers or theorists. Along the way the reader gets little discussion relevant to the topic of whether near-death experiences are veridical in the sense of providing evidence for life after death.

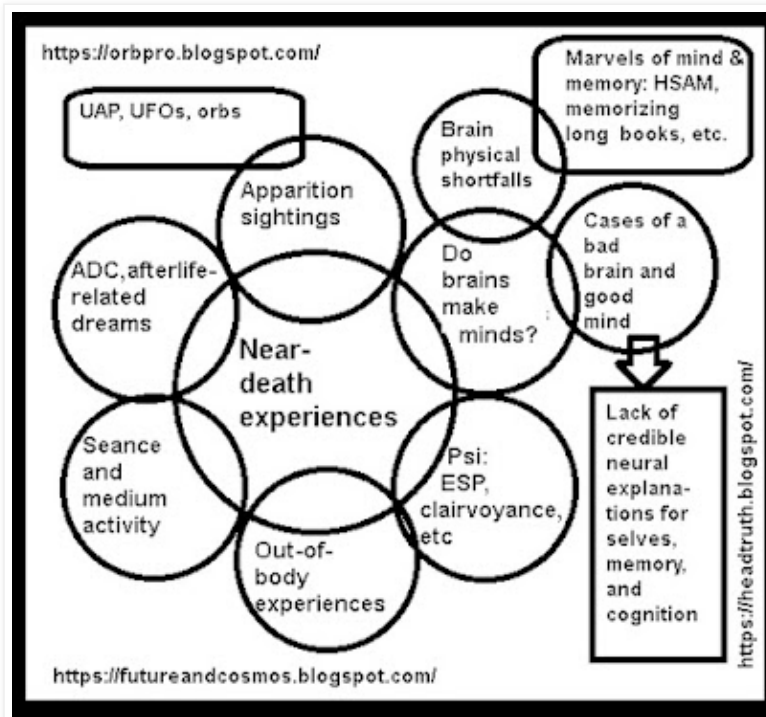
Although the bibliography of the dissertation lists many books on near-death experiences, we are left with the suspicion that the author did not study accounts of near-death experiences very deeply. We don't get much in the way of quotations from such books, or discussion of the best cases in such books. The literature of near-death experiences includes quite a lot of discussion of what are called veridical near-death experiences. These are mainly cases in which someone having a near-death experiences reports seeing things or hearing things or perceiving things which should have been impossible for him, given his medical affliction or state of unconsciousness at the time. I discuss quite a few such cases in my widely-read post "The Enigma of Veridical Near-Death Experiences," which you can read [here](#).

For example, a person who has a near-death experience while his heart stopped for minutes may report many details of what was going on during medical attempts to restart his heart, details which should have been impossible for him to have learned. Other examples of veridical near-death experiences include cases in which someone reports learning information from some nonearthly source, information that he or she never learned during regular sensory experience, information subsequently confirmed. One of many examples I could cite is the account near the beginning of my post [here](#), in which a daughter dying during labor reports seeing in the spirit world both her mother (Mrs. Arnot, three miles away) and the daughter's infant child, both of whom died just before the daughter died, before the daughter was told of either of their deaths.

Oddly Mandoki seems to have made no serious study of such cases, despite them being so relevant to the title of her dissertation. The author has also apparently failed to pay sufficient attention to almost all of the items in a set of topics that are closely related to whether near-death experiences provide evidence for human survival after death.

The diagram below illustrates what some of these topics are, also giving some URLs where you can find out more about some

of these topics:



Let me discuss some of these topics, and mention how they are extremely relevant to whether near-death experiences are important evidence for life after death.

Apparition sightings: Contrary to the idea of some people that near-death experiences are a rather recent phenomenon, there are quite a few cases of such experiences dating from long before 1975 -- accounts you can read by reading my series of posts [here](#), and continuing to press Older Posts at the bottom right. But there was little discussion of such evidence before 1975. Conversely, there has been throughout history well-known evidence for apparition sightings. By the late 19th-century serious researchers at the Society for Psychical Research were able to publish the massive two-volume work *Phantasms of the Living* on the topic of apparitions, a work with a total of more than 1000 pages that you can read [here](#) and [here](#). The whole topic of apparition sightings is extremely relevant to the credibility of near-death experiences. If there are credible sightings of deceased people existing outside of their bodies, such evidence helps to shore up the credibility of people reporting traveling out of their bodies during near-death experiences. Commonly related accounts of death-bed apparitions (in which deceased family members are so often reported as being seen by a dying person) provide a type of observation that is similar to what we often get in near-death experiences, in which someone may report traveling to some heavenly realm and seeing deceased family members.

There are two types of apparition sightings which have elements of the veridical, if we use that term to mean some level of evidence that can be verified independently of one person's subjective experience. One type is what are called crisis apparitions, in which a person may have an experience of seeing the apparition of a person he did not know was dead, with that witness later finding out that such a person did die at about the same time the apparition was seen. I have listed hundreds of such cases in my series of posts below:

[An Apparition Was Their Death Notice](#)

[25 Who Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)

[25 More Who Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)

[Yet Another 25 Who Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)

[Scientific American's Very Lame "Ghost Explanations"](#)

[They Also Were "Ghost Told" of a Death](#)

[More Accounts of Veridical Apparitions](#)

[Even More Cases of Veridical Apparitions](#)

[When Apparitions Serve as Announcements](#)

[Still More Cases of Veridical Apparitions](#)

[When Apparitions Act as News Bulletins](#)

[They Too Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)

[They Seemed to Ghost-Learn of Someone's Death](#)

[When Crisis Apparitions Seem to Notify of Someone's Death](#)

There are also many apparition sightings that involve multiple witnesses claiming to see the same apparition. These have a strongly veridical element, in that we are not reliant on the testimony of a single witness. Some of these cases can be read about in my posts below:

[When an Apparition Is Seen by Not Just One](#)

[When an Apparition Is Seen by Multiple Observers: 17 Cases](#)

[When an Apparition Is Seen by Multiple Observers: 17 More Cases](#)

[More Apparitions Seen by Multiple Observers](#)

[Many an Apparition Is Seen by More Than One](#)

[Still More Apparitions Seen by Multiple Observers](#)

More Apparitions Seen by Multiple Witnesses

When Multiple Witnesses See the Same Apparition

Apparition sightings and their veridical elements are extremely relevant to the credibility of near-death experiences as evidence for life after death. But strangely Mandoki makes no relevant mention of such sightings, completely ignoring the topic.

ADC and afterlife-related dreams: The term ADC (standing for [after-death communication](#)) refers to cases in which a living person in normal health seems to get some sign or indication which he interprets as being possibly caused by some deceased person or spirit. Although the term ADC is of relatively recent coinage, in the later half of the second nineteenth century there were innumerable reports of strange phenomena that people called "spiritual manifestations," and interpreted as coming from the deceased. Such reports are discussed in the 22 posts here, which you can read by continuing to press Older Posts at the bottom right. Even today surveys indicate that a large fraction of the population reports having such experiences, or having dreams that they interpret as some kind of contact with the deceased. I will give an example of a type that [I often experience](#). I awoke one morning pondering whether a dream I had about papayas may have been a symbolic reference to my father, the word "papayas" beginning with the same four characters as "papa." While pondering that, suddenly the circuit breaker went off mysteriously in a nearby bathroom no one had been in for more than an hour, something requiring a press of a button in that bathroom. I later realized that this spooky event occurred on my father's birthday. A similar spooky experience on a parent's birthday is described [here](#).

Events such as these (and [highly recurrent dreams about life after death and deceased relatives](#)) may be evidence that near-death experiences are a subset of a larger class of phenomena that occurs to a fraction of the population much larger than those who have near-death experiences. I will give an example of such a dream at the end of this post. The topic is very relevant to whether near-death experiences are evidence for life after death, but Mandoki ignores the topic.

Seance and medium activity. During the second half of the nineteenth century, there was a great abundance of reports of inexplicable phenomena that were called "spiritual manifestations." These included a vast variety of phenomena including mysterious raps, inexplicable table movements, the playing of musical instruments when no one touched them, the full levitation or half-levitation of tables, the full levitation of

human beings, the appearance of mysterious materialized forms at seances, and so forth. The people reporting these phenomena were extremely diligent about documenting their observations, often producing reports signed by multiple witnesses, and published within a few weeks of the reported observations. You can read many of their accounts in my posts [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). The topic is very relevant to whether near-death experiences provide evidence for life after death, but Mandoki ignores the whole topic, failing to make any reference to a medium or a seance.

Out-of-body experiences. Near-death experiences may include out-of-body experiences in which someone reports floating out of his body. But out-of-body experiences are widely reported by many who did not have a near-death experience. Long before Raymond Moody's 1975 *Life After Life* book bringing near-death experiences to the forefront, there were books by people reporting out-of-body experiences. The main scholar who wrote about such experiences was Robert Crookall, who wrote a series of books (mostly before 1975) citing very many out-of-body experiences reported by others (including the books [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)). The topic of such experiences is very relevant to the topic of near-death experiences. Mandoki does not show much of a sign of having seriously studied this topic, and fails to mention Crookall or any of the pre-1975 publications (such as those of the Society for Psychical Research) which documented reports of out-of-body experiences.

Psi: ESP, clairvoyance, etc. Systematic written evidence for ESP and clairvoyance goes back two hundred years. The 20th century saw extremely convincing results in many formal ESP tests conducted by professors, such as the results described [here](#) and [here](#), which we would never expect to get by chance even if everyone on Earth was tested for ESP. Reports of dramatic clairvoyance (such as those [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)) were written throughout most of the nineteenth century, and were often written by physicians and scientists. All evidence for ESP and clairvoyance is evidence against the claim that the human mind is merely the product of the brain, as there is no possible neural explanation for such phenomena. Evidence for ESP and clairvoyance is evidence for a human soul, which is part of the reason why so many scientists have been so stubborn in refusing to pay attention to convincing evidence for ESP and clairvoyance (they realize that materialism will receive a "bullet in the chest" the moment the reality of such evidence is admitted). Being evidence for a human soul, the evidence for

psi phenomena such as ESP and clairvoyance have great relevance to the credibility of reports of souls rising out of the human body during near-death experiences. The evidence for ESP and clairvoyance corroborates such reports and helps to lend credibility to such reports. Many of the reports of "traveling clairvoyance" under hypnosis resemble reports of out-of-body experiences during near-death events. The same type of veridical details (people reporting things they should not have known of) occur in accounts of clairvoyance and near-death experiences. Mandoki makes no mention of telepathy or clairvoyance other than a passing mention.

UAP, UFOs, orbs: As discussed [here](#) and [here](#), it has been pointed out by quite a few investigators that many UFO sightings and sightings of UAP (unidentified aerial phenomena or unidentified anomalous phenomena) can be mysterious encounters similar to near-death experiences, experiences that seem more psychic than encounters with "nuts and bolts" hardware. People often report naked-eye observations of mysterious orbs, as you can read about by viewing the 100+ posts you can read [here](#) (by continuing to press Older Posts at the bottom right). There is also abundant photographic evidence for mysterious orbs, including mysterious orbs showing [abundantly repeating patterns](#). Such observations may be evidence of some spiritual reality related to near-death experiences.

Do brains make minds? The very large topic of [whether the human brain can explain the human mind](#) is one of the greatest relevance in discussing whether near-death experiences are compelling evidence for life after death. A materialist will appeal to the dogma that all mental activity is the result of brain activity to try to present a fatal objection to all reports of experiences occurring when a brain was shut down during cardiac arrest. The materialist will also appeal to such a dogma to try and slam the door on all discussion of life after death. The materialist reasoning is "permanently dead brains equals permanently dead minds." The topic of whether such claims are valid therefore has the greatest relevance to discussions of whether near-death experiences provide evidence of life after death. Mandoki makes almost no mention of the topic.

Cases of a bad brain and good mind. There are very many neuroscience case histories that dramatically defy claims that the human brain is the source of the human mind. Some of those cases are discussed [here](#) and [here](#). Many of these cases involve people who retained high-performing minds after the most severe brain damage, such as [loss of the left half of the brain](#), [loss of the right half of the brain](#), or even [loss of more than half of the brain](#).

The topic of whether the brain can credibly explain the human mind is a topic of very great depth, requiring an inquiry into many smaller topics such as [whether scientists have any credible brain explanation for memory formation](#), [whether scientists have any credible brain explanation for memory persistence for fifty years](#), [whether scientists have any credible brain explanation for instant memory retrieval](#), whether scientists have any credible neural explanation for self-hood, creativity and thinking, and so forth. You can read my extremely detailed "deep dive" into this topic by reading the very many posts on my "Head Truth" blog [here](#). A sufficiently deep and objective examination of the topic will lead you to the conclusion that the "brains make minds" dogma is untenable, and that boasts that scientists have neural explanations for minds are groundless achievement legends. The innumerable failures of "brains make minds" claims is of the greatest relevance to whether near-death experiences provide evidence for life after death. Mandoki briefly mentions some of these cases around page 180 of her dissertation.

Brain physical shortfalls. Investigating the question above leads to the extremely relevant topic of brain physical shortfalls, which are physical limitations of every brain that seem to imply that the brain cannot possibly be the source of the human mind and the storage place of human memories. Such shortfalls have a clear relevance to the evidence value of near-death experiences. You can read about such shortfalls [here](#). Mandoki fails to discuss this topic, and seems to make little or no substantive discussion of neuroscience.

Marvels of mind and memory: HSAM, memorizing long books, etc: I refer here to the topic of the most impressive cases of human mental performance, such as [HSAM](#) (Highly Superior Autobiographical Memory, in which someone can remember almost all days of his adult life), the ability of [some humans to perform marvels of memory](#) such as memorizing long books such as the Quran, the New Testament, and the Aeneid, the ability of certain math marvels [to perform very quickly very hard math problems](#) without touching paper, pen or computer, and so forth. The more such cases there are (cases that cannot be explained by human brains with many physical shortfalls such as a lack of addressing and indexes, and unreliable synaptic transmission), the more credible is the idea that human minds are souls rather than the outputs of brains; and the more credible such an idea is, the more credible is the idea that accounts of near-death experiences are evidence of life after death.

Lack of credible neural explanations for selves, memory and cognition: this topic involves the failure of

neuroscientists to give credible neural explanations for things such as memories that can last for 50 years or more, instant recall, creativity, imagination, and self-hood. This failure is of very great relevance to accounts of near-death experiences. The more badly neuroscience fails to explain basic abilities of the human mind (as discussed in many posts [here](#)), the more plausible is the idea that human minds are souls that can leave a human body in near-death experiences.

In an [interview](#) in *Psychology Today*, Mandoki states this:

"Looking at reality this way, I examined the possibility of materialism (physicalism), mind-body dualism (there is a separate mind and a separate body in existence), and philosophical idealism (reality is mind-created and/or mind-dependent). Initially, I was uncertain whether any of these theories were viable. Soon, I dismissed materialism entirely and I found that mind-body dualism does not work in any form because the theory is very difficult to make it workable."

Oops, that quote makes it sound like someone acting with haste, not someone delivering a judgment from many years of study of all the relevant evidence. The most convincing case against materialism can be made, but it requires a great deal of study ranging across many different topics. The statement against mind-body dualism has no force, as it consists merely of a vague and unsubstantiated claim that it is "very difficult to make it workable." Had Mandoki deeply studied most of the topics listed above, she would have found very much in favor of mind-body dualism, something as credible or more credible than philosophical idealism (the idea that all that exists is minds and mental phenomena). Reports that people floated out of their bodies or saw apparitions of deceased relatives seem more suggestive of mind-body dualism than philosophical idealism. I wonder whether Mandoki's preference for philosophical idealism rather than mind-body dualism has been a factor in her seemingly weak study of such observational reports more suggestive of mind-body dualism than philosophical idealism. Mandoki then states this:

"I believe that a consciousness-only or mind-only reality works out better than any other types of philosophically-advanced theories because the uniformity of reality solves many difficult philosophical questions, such as the relationship of mind and body and the relationship of this world and the next. Therefore, its conclusion that consciousness or mind survives death and continues in an afterlife is the most convincing philosophical option."

The conclusion she makes in the second sentence is warranted, but in the interview she poorly states the case for such a conclusion, and her PhD dissertation does a poor job of marshalling evidence for such a conclusion, largely because she ignores or scantily discusses so many relevant lines of evidence she could have used, instead wasting way too much time on scarcely relevant discussions of philosophers. Perhaps what is going on is something that can be described like this: you are allowed in mainstream venues to present a case against materialist thinking, but only if your case is pretty weak. So you can write a PhD dissertation challenging materialist orthodoxy, but only if you write a rather evidence-weak dissertation that doesn't cause the professors reviewing your work to lose too much sleep. And you can publish an opinion piece defying the worldview of today's professors, in publications read by such professors, as long as you present a weak case, so that your readers are not too shaken. And you can get interviewed in a mainstream publication, and state a case for life after death, but only if you state your case weakly in a way that won't upset the typical readers of such a publication.

Finally, let me give that example I promised earlier of a dream seeming to symbolize life after death. Yesterday I had a dream I was walking up a stairway looking like the stairway depicted below, one with tombstone images on the stairway walls. The dream may have symbolized rising up from death to a higher level of existence. It is one of 400+ dreams I have had that [seemed to refer to an afterlife](#).



AI art recreates my dream image

Postscript: Mandoki's failure to describe well the better examples of what are commonly called veridical near-death

experiences is shown by two examples. She discusses the Pam Reynolds case, strangely turning it into a philosophical discussion of whether Reynolds was literally dead during her near-death experience. She fails to discuss why the case attracted so much attention: the fact that Reynolds reported details of her very complicated operation that should have been unknown to her. I earlier described the case like this:

"At the time of her brain operation, the late Pam Reynolds was a 35-year old who had a large brain aneurysm. She underwent a complicated operation that involved pumping out her blood and chilling her body temperature to only 60 degrees. Some twenty medical personnel worked on the complex operation.

After the successful operation was over, Reynolds reported having a near-death experience. She reported floating out of her body, and witnessing her operation. She accurately reported details of some medical equipment that was used to cut her skull open, describing it as a 'saw thing...like an electric toothbrush,' with 'interchangeable blades' that were stored in 'what looked like a socket wrench case.' She reported someone complaining that her veins and arteries were too small. These details were later verified. This was despite the fact that Reynolds eyes were covered throughout the operation, and her ears were plugged with earplugs delivering noise of 40 decibels and 90 decibels."

The Pam Reynolds case is discussed in further detail [here](#).

Similarly, Mandoki discusses the research of Sam Parnia, mentioning the failure of subjects under cardiac arrest to detect cards hidden from them that were placed as test objects that could be seen only by a patient having an out-of-body experience. But she fails to mention the success of Parnia's original AWARE study in finding a patient reporting medical details that should have been unknown to him during his cardiac arrest. I earlier [described the case like this](#):

"The study did 'hit the jackpot' in regard to one case of a 57-year-old patient who said that he floated out of his body while being revived from his cardiac arrest. The man said that a woman appeared in a high corner of the room, beckoning him to come up to her. He said that despite thinking that was impossible, he found himself up in the high corner of the room, looking down on the medical team trying to revive him. The man described specific details of the revival efforts, including the presence of a bald fat man with a blue hat, a nurse saying, 'Dial 444 cardiac arrest,' his blood pressure being taken, a nurse

pumping on his chest, a doctor sticking something down his throat, and blood gases and blood sugar levels being taken.

Here is what the scientific paper said in regard to the accuracy of these recollections:

'He accurately described people, sounds, and activities from his resuscitation...His medical records corroborated his accounts and specifically supported his descriptions and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). Based on current AED algorithms, this likely corresponded with up to 3 minutes of conscious awareness during CA [cardiac arrest] and CPR.' "

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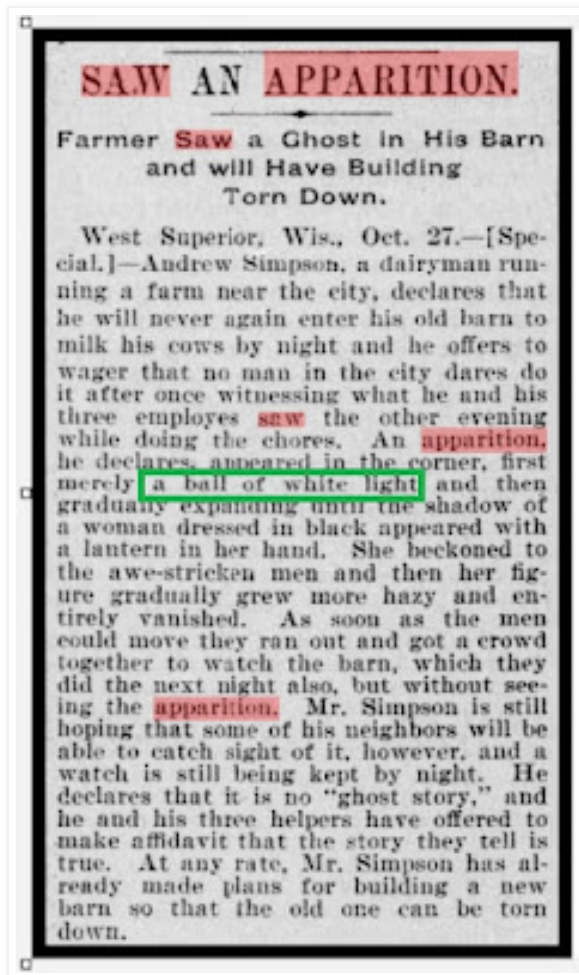
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More Apparitions Seen by Multiple Witnesses

Below is a startling news report from the November 1, 1899 edition of the Washburn Times:



You can read the report on its original page using the link below:

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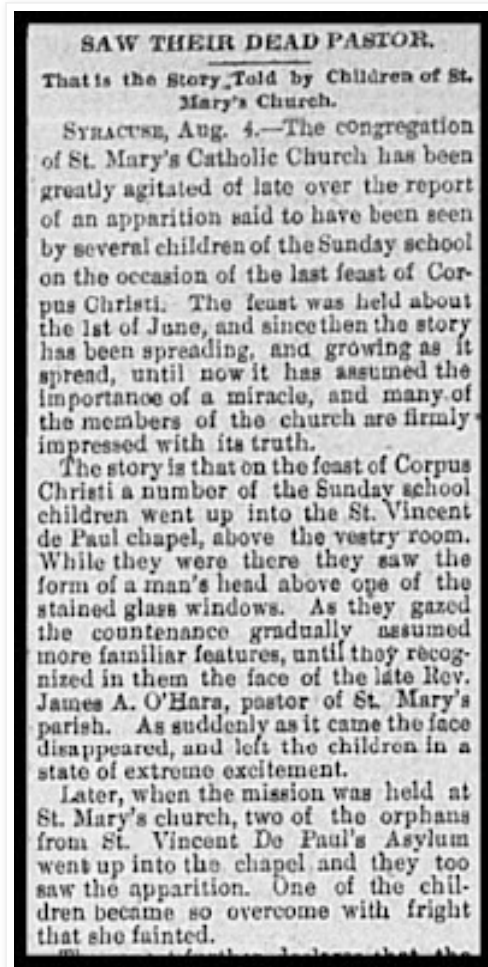
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At the link [here](#), we read some testimony from a Bishop Fallows of Chicago who stated, "My father and mother separately saw the apparition of a young man who died in England."

At the link below, we read a story of an apparition seen by multiple witnesses:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026844/1891-08-05/ed-1/seq-6/>

Below is part of the account:



In the August 18, 1894 edition of *The Evening World*, we had an account which you can read below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83030193/1894-08-18/ed-1/seq-3/>

The account states that multiple named witnesses swore they saw the same apparition:

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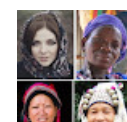
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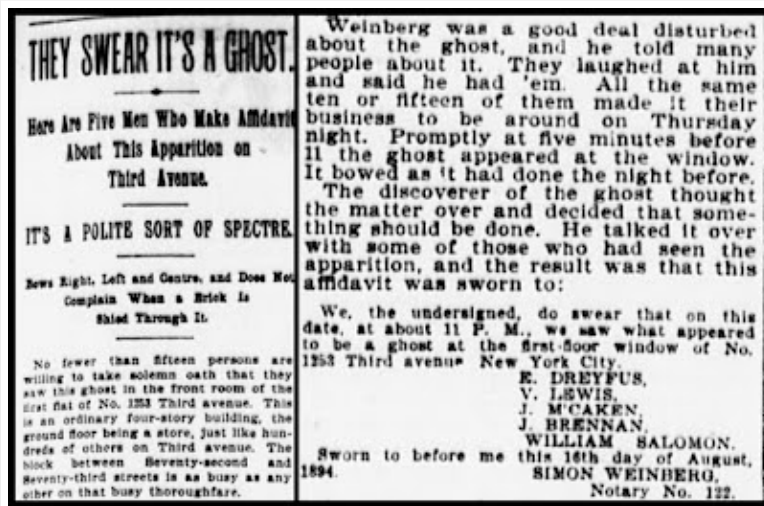
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The newspaper account below includes an account of an apparition seen by multiple witnesses.

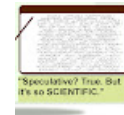
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The first part of the account is shown below:



An interesting claim is made that the photo in the top left is an example of spirit photography, and that the face in the top left (apparently that of psychical research James Hyslop) appeared mysteriously in a photograph of an open coffin and some people looking at it. The article discusses sightings of an apparition of W. T. Stead, a well-known writer and editor who died in the *Titanic* sinking.

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The PhD researcher James Coates published a book-length symposium record entitled "Has W. T. Stead Returned? A Symposium" You can read the book using the link below:

<https://archive.org/details/haswtsteadreturn01coat/page/n7/mode/2up>

Below are some claims made in the book about sightings of W. T. Stead after his death in the *Titanic* sinking.

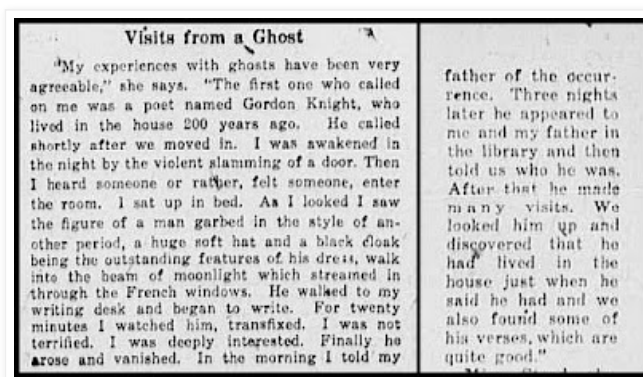
- On [page 13](#) Mrs. Coates claims to have seen Stead "quite plainly" in a seance of May 3, 1912 (about two weeks after the *Titanic* sinking).
- On [page 32](#) James Lawrence says that "If ever I saw a form, I saw him."
- On [page 70](#) someone identified as "Arch. Bryson" says that on June 13, 1912 he saw a "manifestation of W. T. Stead," and that "there was no chance of mistaking the massive head and rugged features and the expressive eyes."
- On [page 74](#) W. T. Stead's daughter Estelle says "three weeks after the 'Titanic' disaster, I saw my father's head and shoulders, as plainly as I saw them when last we met on earth." She says she also heard his voice. On [page 105](#) she says she saw her father's face and heard his voice on June 23, 1912.
- On [page 85](#) we read Edith K. Harper say that she and her mother on May 6, 1912 "saw Mr. Stead, absolutely unmistakably, and heard him speak."
- On [pages 95-96](#) we read Count Cedo Miyattovich say this: "There, in that slowly moving light, was not the spirit but the very person of my friend, William T. Stead...in his usual walking costume....Mr. Stead's spirit nodded to me in a friendly manner and disappeared. Half a minute later he appeared again and stood opposite me (but somewhat higher above the floor), looking at me and bowing to me. And a little later he appeared again for the third time, seen by us all three still more clearly than before."
- On [page 100](#) we read W. de Kerlor state that "Mr. W. T. Stead's face appeared right in front of me" on June 18, 1912, and in the surrounding pages he says he had a conversation with Stead. On [page 103](#) we have a statement saying that Stead was heard talking with de Kerlor on June 18, 1912, and the statement is signed by all these witnesses: "E. R. Richards, W. B. Yeates, M. Jacob, S. A. Adela Harper, Nini Blom, Herbert Platt, Etta Wriedt, Wm. Blom, Ella Anker, Martin

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Steinsvik, W. de Kerlor, Edith Katherine Harper, Secretary, Julia's Bureau."

- On [page 131](#) John Duncan and Margaret Duncan state that on July 17, 1912 they saw and heard W. T. Stead with more than a dozen other people present. Similar testimony comes from Peter Galloway on [page 133](#).
- On [page 156](#) James Coates (the book's author) says that on July 17, 1912 he saw a cloudy light about the size of a man's hand change into the form of W. T. Stead, who Mrs. Coates recognized as Stead. Coates says the light became more defined, and James recognized it as Stead, as did Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson. The account is backed up by Peter Reid's statement on [page 159](#), in which he says, "On the evening of July 17th, Mr. Stead etherealised twice. The first time in cloudy form — not very clear. The second time, sufficiently defined to be recognised." Peter also says "there was an etherealisation of Mr. Stead" on July 28. On [page 160](#) two other witnesses confirm Peter's statements, as does another witness on [page 161](#).

An account of an apparition seen by multiple witnesses appears below:



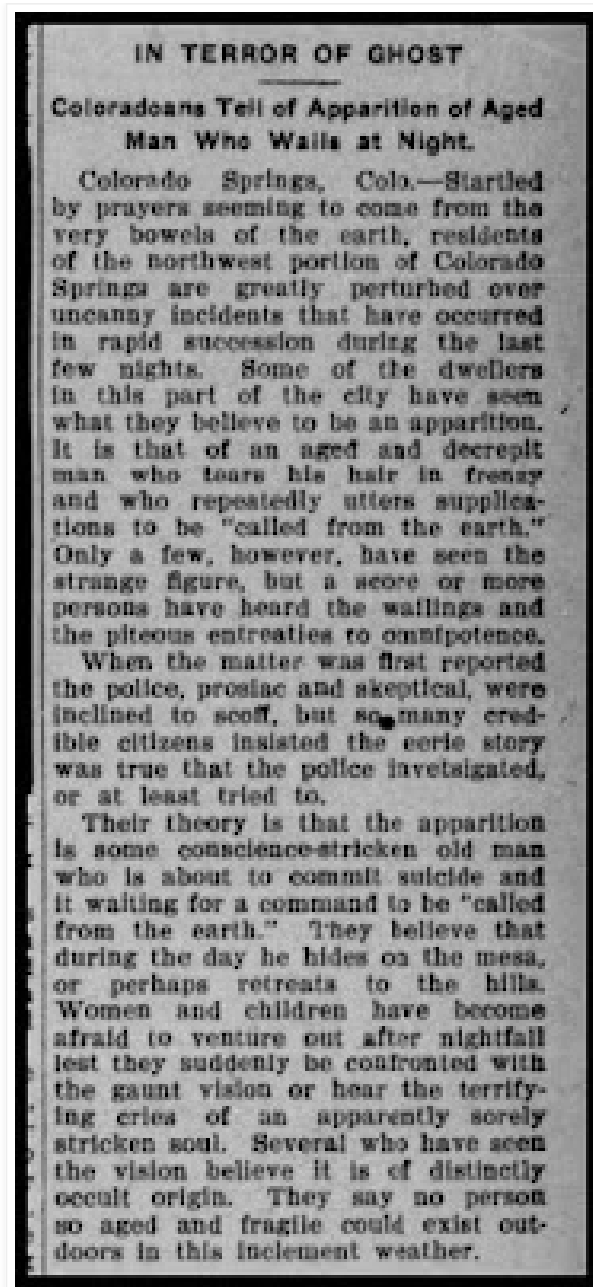
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The account can be read here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lcn/sn88086144/1906-03-29/ed-1/seq-3/>

We have in the newspaper account [here](#) a story of an apparition seen by multiple witnesses, one that includes an account of a talking apparition. The account [here](#) also seems to tell a story of an apparition seen by multiple witnesses, as does the account [here](#).

Below is an account of an apparition seen by multiple witnesses (click on the image to read it more clearly):

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Psychic Experiences in the News, Part 2

Here is the second in a series of videos I am making about news accounts of ESP, precognition, out-of-body experiences, prophetic dreams ...

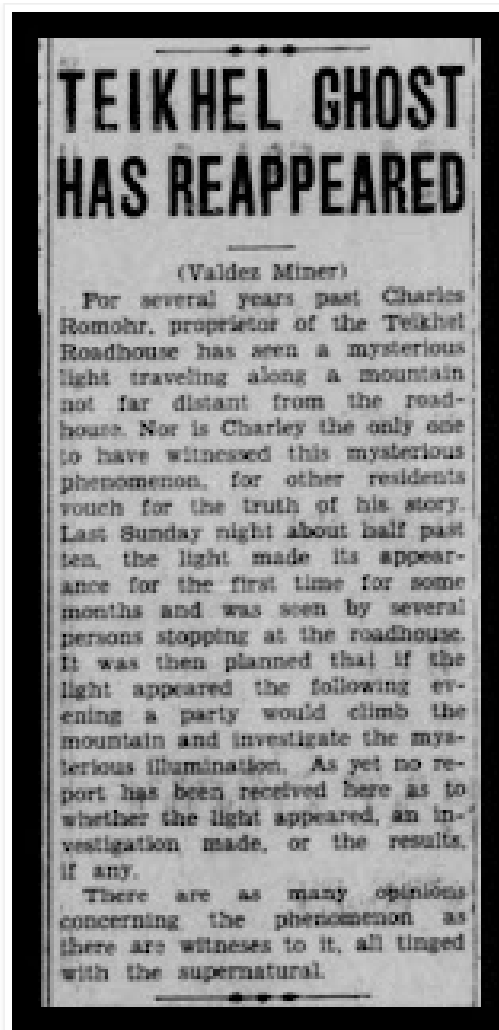


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You can read the account here:

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When I was a young boy I once had a job delivering the Evening Star newspaper in Washington D.C. The account below is from page 8 of the April 16, 1892 edition of the Evening Star, which can be read here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1892-04-16/ed-1/seq-8/>

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No more emphatic non-believer in ghosts can be found in Washington than the chief of a certain departmental bureau, whose business it is almost wholly to deal with figures which are not less cold than perambulating specters. This is the story which he told to a Star writer yesterday:

"I have two sisters and a brother. Once I had three sisters, but one of them died in New Orleans ten years ago. She perished of yellow fever. At the time none of us knew that she was sick. It was only afterward that the information was gathered which makes up the extraordinary account I am about to give you. You may say that it was a coincidence, and I will not say that it was not such. You can judge for yourself.

"My sister died at ten minutes past 8 o'clock on the night of August 14, 1882. At that time another sister was in Toronto. Her name is Mary. She was about to put her child, a little girl, to bed. As she entered the bed room for that purpose the child cried out, 'Mamma, there is Aunt Anna.' The mother looked and saw her sister Anna in the bed, lying with her head propped up on the pillows and looking as if she were dying. The vision disappeared immediately. Remember that the news of Anna's death did not reach Mary until the following morning. One would naturally account for such an apparition by supposing that it was an allusion, but in this case the appearance was witnessed simultaneously by two persons.

Here is the second part of the account, in which we read about two additional witnesses of the same apparition.

"Now, if that had been all, I should deem the occurrence sufficiently remarkable. But it happened that at the same time my brother Samuel was living in Louisville, where he had official connection with a railway. At about 8:30 p.m. on the evening of which I speak he was standing with his little son upon his front doorstep. Suddenly the child caught at his coat and said, pointing to the garden gate, 'There is Aunt Anna!' His father looked quickly and saw the figure of a woman, which seemed to disappear with strange suddenness among the trees. He called after her, but she did not answer. The next morning a telegram came from New Orleans, saying that Anna had been taken ill with yellow fever and had died.

"My sister Violet was married and living in San Francisco. She had not heard of Anna's illness. But on the night in question, at about 9 p.m., she heard a voice calling her by name. She listened, but there was no accounting for it. It was the voice of her sister Anna, she told her husband, but he laughed and said that it was an absurd hallucination. That was all. She wrote me about it a short time later. You are at liberty to draw your own conclusions. I do not think that I am a superstitious man. Observe that I saw no apparition on the occasion referred to. All I can say is that there are certainly more things in heaven and earth than are considered in our every-day philosophy."

We have two brothers and two sisters surviving the death of Anna on August 14, 1882. Of those four siblings, three of them reported that Anna (dying far away) was either seen or heard by them or one of their children, on August 14, 1882, before any of

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them knew that Anna had died on that night. This case is very strong from an evidence standpoint, the only weakness being that the editor telling the tale is not named. We may presume the person telling the story was one of the bureau chiefs of the writer's own newspaper, and the writer vouches that he is not the type who might invent stories of this type.

It is interesting that in the very year this account was published, the Society for Psychical Research was founded in London, England. By the end of the 19th century that society would publish works such as *Phantasms of the Living* and articles in its journal and proceedings, establishing that accounts like the one above occur rather commonly. The name "crisis apparition" would eventually be given for an apparition appearing around the time of someone's death. But when this Evening Star article appeared, accounts like the one given had not yet been collected very well. The fact of the account above matching a pattern that would soon be widely recognized is a fact adding to the credibility of the account.

Volume One of *Phantasms of the Living* can be read online [here](#), and Volume Two of the work can be read [here](#). A significant fraction of the 700+ cases reported in that two-volume work are cases in which someone reports seeing or hearing an apparition of a particular person they did not know was dead, only to find out later that just such a person had died on about the same day or exactly the same day (and often on the same hour and day). I found more than 75 such cases in "Phantasms of the Living." I have cited many of those cases in the series of posts you can read below:

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- [cyclical universe](#) (5)
- [dark energy](#) (8)
- [dark genome](#) (1)
- [dark matter](#) (27)
- [Darwinism](#) (55)
- [data dredging](#) (1)
- [dating](#) (1)
- [de-extinction](#) (1)
- [deathbed mist or lights](#) (2)
- [deathbed vision](#) (8)
- [definition of religion](#) (1)
- [definition of science](#) (1)
- [dehumanization](#) (2)
- [dematerialization](#) (1)
- [depression](#) (1)
- [developmental biology](#) (8)
- [diet](#) (1)
- [direct voice phenomenon](#) (1)
- [disasters](#) (1)
- [disease prevention](#) (1)
- [disintegrating asteroid](#) (1)
- [DNA](#) (24)
- [DNA divergence of humans and chimpanzees](#) (1)
- [dogs](#) (1)
- [double standards in science](#) (3)
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- [dowsing](#) (1)
- [dreams](#) (22)
- [drones](#) (1)
- [DUNE](#) (1)

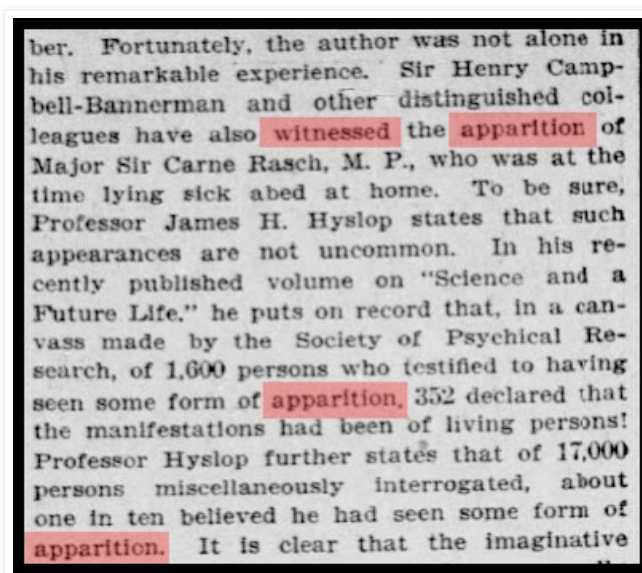
[When Apparitions Act as News Bulletins](#)[They Too Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)[They Seemed to Ghost-Learn of Someone's Death](#)[It Seemed Her Suicide Was Not Her End](#)

The accounts given above are only a few of many cases in which more than one witness reported seeing the same apparition. For many other cases different from the ones above, see my posts below:

[When Multiple Witnesses See the Same Apparition](#)[When Two or More See the Same Apparition](#)[When an Apparition Is Seen by Multiple Observers: 17 Cases](#)[When an Apparition Is Seen by Multiple Observers: 17 More Cases](#)[More Apparitions Seen by Multiple Observers](#)[Many an Apparition Is Seen by More Than One](#)[Still More Apparitions Seen by Multiple Observers](#)[When an Apparition Is Seen by Not Just One](#)

Much less frequent than reports of apparitions of the dead are reports of apparitions of the living. You can read about some examples in my post [here](#).

In the newspaper story below, we have a rare account of an apparition of the living seen by multiple witnesses:

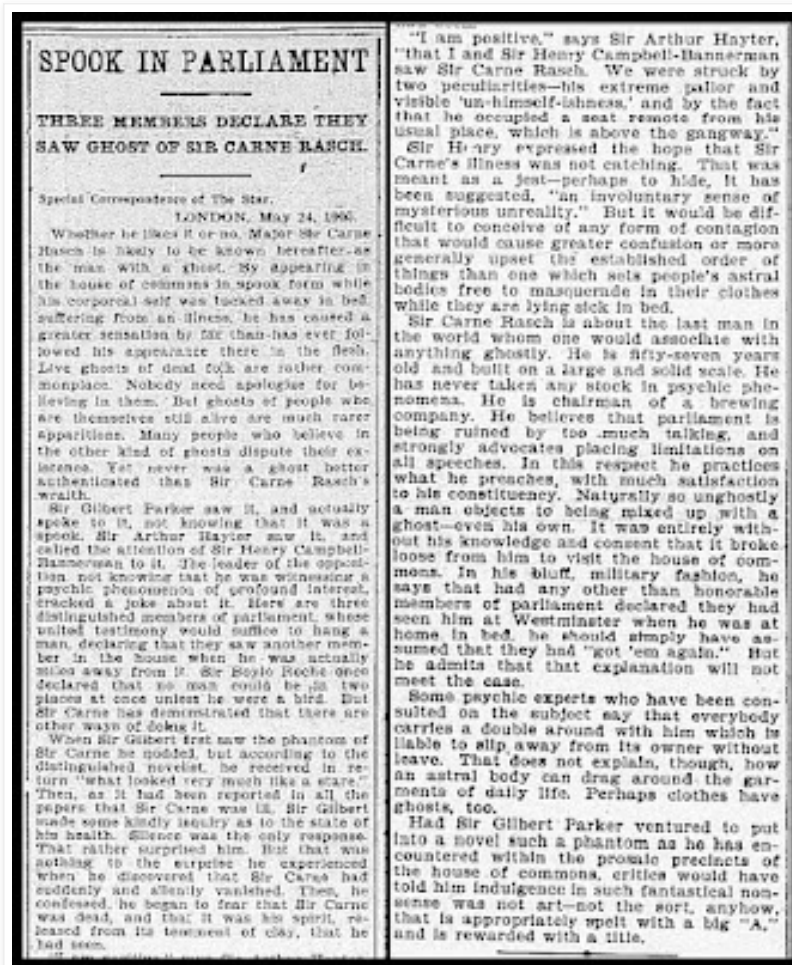


The account can be read at the link [here](#):

- [dwarf galaxies](#) (1)
- [dwarf galaxy rotation anomaly](#) (1)
- [dystopia](#) (1)
- [early habitability epoch](#) (1)
- [early Universe](#) (2)
- [earthlights](#) (1)
- [easy life hypothesis](#) (3)
- [education](#) (3)
- [elections](#) (1)
- [electromagnetic pulse attack](#) (1)
- [electromagnetism](#) (4)
- [electrons](#) (3)
- [EmDrive](#) (1)
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- [EMP](#) (1)
- [end of the world](#) (5)
- [energy crisis](#) (3)
- [energy forecast](#) (1)
- [energy production](#) (2)
- [engrams](#) (12)
- [entropy](#) (3)
- [environmental degradation](#) (5)
- [epigenetics](#) (1)
- [ESP](#) (74)
- [esthetics](#) (1)
- [Ethics](#) (10)
- [Europa](#) (2)
- [evolution](#) (86)
- [evolution poll](#) (1)
- [experts](#) (12)
- [extended evolutionary synthesis](#) (1)
- [extent of Darwinist belief](#) (1)
- [extent of paranormal abilities](#) (1)
- [extent of paranormal beliefs](#) (2)
- [extent of paranormal experience](#) (3)
- [exteriorization of sensibility](#) (1)
- [extrasolar planets](#) (8)
- [extraterrestrial life](#) (58)
- [extraterrestrials](#) (36)
- [faint young sun paradox](#) (3)
- [fast radio bursts](#) (1)
- [fate of the universe](#) (1)
- [Fermi's paradox](#) (8)
- [fine-tuned universe](#) (7)
- [Flynn effect](#) (1)
- [forecasting](#) (1)

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83030214/1905-07-01/ed-1/seq-8/>

The case is described more fully below (click on the image to read it better):



Three members of the British parliament report with great conviction that they saw an apparition of a living man in the House of Commons, at a time that man was sick in bed far away. You can read the account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1905-06-04/ed-1/seq-49/>

Apparitions of the living do nothing to discredit apparitions of the dead, whenever such apparitions are reported of people who are very sick, as in the case above. It is possible that the soul of a very sick person can kind of wander in a way similar to the soul wandering reported in near-death experiences.

Posted by Mark Mahin at [6:00 AM](#) No comments:

Labels: [apparition](#), [apparition acting like a death notification](#), [apparition of the living](#), [apparition seen by multiple witnesses](#), [paranormal phenomena](#)

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- [functional threshold](#) (2)
- [fundamental constants](#) (6)
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- [future movies](#) (1)
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- [genes](#) (17)
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- [global consciousness project](#) (2)
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- [global organizing activity of a life-force \(GOAL\)](#) (4)
- [global risks](#) (1)
- [global warming](#) (22)
- [GMO](#) (3)
- [God](#) (2)
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- [Great Filter](#) (2)
- [grey goo](#) (1)
- [groupthink](#) (6)
- [habitable zone](#) (1)
- [hallucinogenic drugs](#) (1)
- [happiness](#) (1)
- [heart attack risk](#) (1)
- [heritability of intelligence](#) (1)
- [hierarchy problem](#) (1)
- [Higgs mass](#) (1)
- [higher dimension](#) (1)
- [holographs](#) (1)

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Early Newspaper Accounts of Out-of-Body Experiences

The Chronicling America web site and other web sites allow full-text searches of old newspapers. Using such sites, I found some interesting old newspaper accounts of out-of-body experiences. For example, there is the account below of a man claiming to have out-of-body experiences in which he traveled to the 1905 World's Fair in St. Louis.



You can read the full account here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85058130/1905-02-05/ed-1/seq-18/>

Below is a 1903 account of a dying boy (Walter Smith) who reports a trip to Heaven during a close brush with death that was soon followed by actual death. We have elements of a near-death experience, an out-of-body experience and perhaps what is called terminal lucidity. Click on the image to read it better.

- [homeopathy](#) (2)
- [homochirality](#) (2)
- [homosexuality](#) (3)
- [how to test telepathy using family members](#) (1)
- [human body plan](#) (1)
- [human extinction](#) (2)
- [human history](#) (1)
- [human intelligence](#) (4)
- [human knowledge](#) (1)
- [hurricanes](#) (1)
- [hypermnesia](#) (1)
- [hyperthymesia](#) (2)
- [hypnotic trance](#) (17)
- [idealism](#) (4)
- [ideological regimes](#) (1)
- [immortality](#) (3)
- [inflation theory](#) (6)
- [information](#) (1)
- [integrated information theory](#) (1)
- [intelligent design](#) (2)
- [interplanetary travel](#) (1)
- [interstellar colonization](#) (3)
- [interstellar communication](#) (1)
- [interstellar travel](#) (9)
- [Iraq war](#) (1)
- [K2-18 b](#) (1)
- [Kepler Space Telescope](#) (2)
- [Kepler-78b](#) (1)
- [ketamine](#) (1)
- [Kirlian photography](#) (1)
- [lambda cold dark matter theory](#) (5)
- [language acquisition](#) (2)
- [Large Hadron Collider](#) (2)
- [laws of nature](#) (6)
- [LCDM theory](#) (1)
- [leisure](#) (1)
- [levitation](#) (21)
- [life after death](#) (72)
- [life extension](#) (8)
- [Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment](#) (1)
- [Mad Scientist](#) (1)
- [Many Worlds theory](#) (6)
- [Mars](#) (18)
- [Mars lights](#) (4)
- [Mars strange objects](#) (8)
- [materialism](#) (8)
- [materialism as religion](#) (2)
- [materialization](#) (11)



You can read the account below:

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Below is a 1903 newspaper account:

"Jim Burlington of St. Joseph. Mo., is dead again, and has at last been buried. Burlington died, or appeared to die, about five years ago. The body was placed in a coffin and arrangements were made for its burial. Just as the funeral procession was about to leave the house life returned to Burlington's body. When he had regained consciousness Burlington declared his belief that he had really been dead. He said that he had been to

- [mathematical universe hypothesis](#) (1)
- [mathematics](#) (2)
- [matter antimatter asymmetry](#) (1)
- [meat consumption](#) (1)
- [medical care in old age](#) (1)
- [medical technology](#) (2)
- [mediums](#) (33)
- [mega-tsunami](#) (1)
- [memory](#) (44)
- [memory implant](#) (1)
- [memory retrieval](#) (4)
- [memory traces](#) (16)
- [mental differences between animals and humans](#) (1)
- [meta-analysis](#) (1)
- [meteor](#) (1)
- [methodological naturalism](#) (1)
- [Miller-Urey experiment](#) (1)
- [mind](#) (7)
- [mind linking](#) (1)
- [mind over matter](#) (6)
- [mind uploading](#) (5)
- [mind-reading](#) (4)
- [miracles](#) (2)
- [missing heritability problem](#) (1)
- [missing specifications problem](#) (1)
- [misspeaking scientists](#) (1)
- [molecular biology](#) (8)
- [molecular machinery](#) (2)
- [MOND](#) (1)
- [morphic gravitation](#) (1)
- [morphogen gradient](#) (1)
- [morphogenesis](#) (20)
- [multiverse](#) (28)
- [mutations](#) (1)
- [mysterious raps](#) (10)
- [mystery of existence](#) (1)
- [nanotechnology](#) (1)
- [NASA](#) (14)
- [natural history](#) (4)
- [natural history museums](#) (1)
- [natural selection](#) (31)
- [naturalism](#) (2)
- [nature](#) (2)
- [near death experience](#) (31)
- [near-death experience](#) (2)
- [Neptune](#) (1)
- [neuroscience](#) (51)

heaven and told a beautiful story of the sights he had seen there. He was not a well-educated man, but described heaven as he said he had seen it in most remarkable language. Burlington's description of heaven was printed in a pamphlet soon afterward and was declared by scholars to be a most wonderful statement. Burlington was a member of a church and his statements were fully believed by the other members. One strange feature of the story was that Burlington said he saw a man in heaven who had formerly been a resident of St. Joseph, but who had moved away and was believed to he still living. Inquiry revealed the fact that the man was dead.—*Sacramento Sunday News*."

You can read the account using the link below:

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=d&d=MDA19031115.2.37&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN----->

An 1892 newspaper account tells a story with many remarkable aspects. We hear of an 18-year-old young Mexican woman (Teresa Urrea) who had remarkable healing abilities after spending days in a death-like trance:

"She had spasms, and went into a trance that lasted thirteen days. Her parents thought her dead and were preparing for the funeral when she revived and recovered. Immediately after this she began to perform wonderful cures by the laying on of hands. A lame woman was her first case. This becoming rapidly gossiped about, the lame, blind and otherwise ailing began to arrive in crowds, walking on their knees as soon as they came in sight of the house, and reciting prayers and calling the young lady the 'holy maiden.' "

We are told Teresa gave proof of her power of mind-reading, and that she "has cured more than three hundred sufferers from all kinds of complaints." We read this claim of an out-of-body experience which Teresa seemed to produce at will, with someone else corroborating the reality of the experience:

"One incredulous individual named Jose Parades laughed in the young girl's face, whereupon, so says the report, she slipped out of her body and stood before him for an instant in double form, both shapes being perceptible to him. Parades rubbed his eyes and his hair rose on end. 'What did you see?' asked Teresa. 'Nothing,' he stammered. 'That is, it was an optical illusion.' But he was converted."

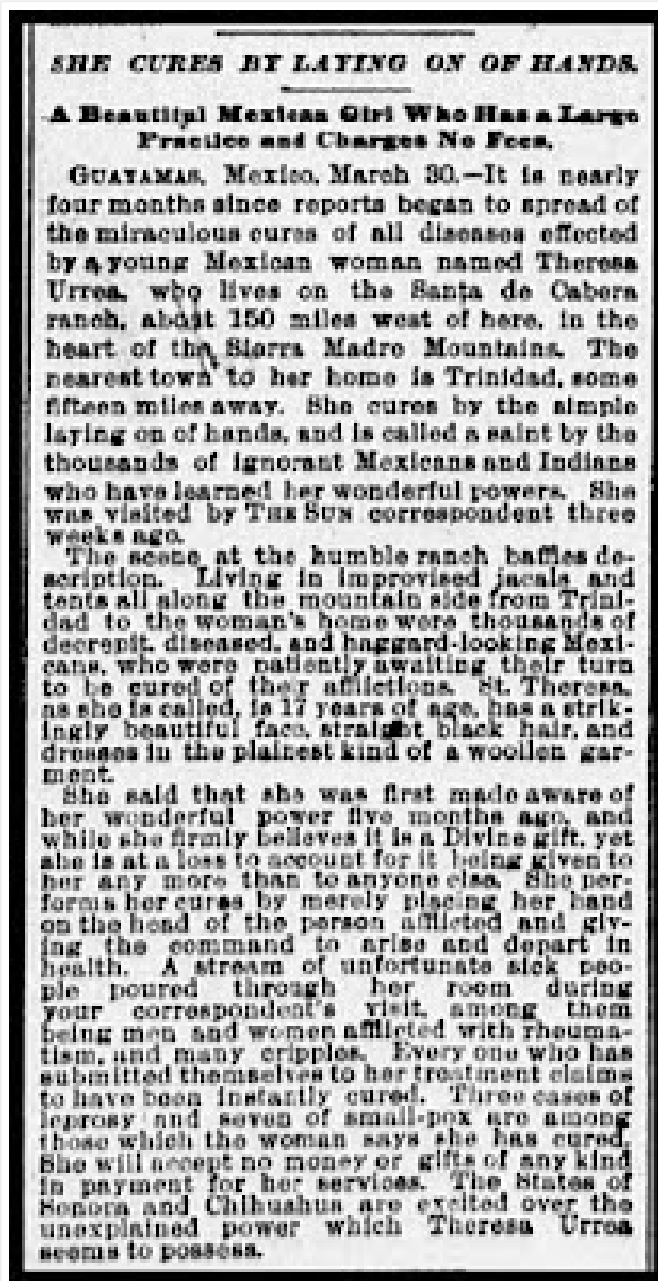
You can read the full account using the link below:

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- [neutrino](#) (2)
- [neutron](#) (1)
- [neutron stars](#) (1)
- [Nobel Prize](#) (3)
- [non-local consciousness](#) (1)
- [nonearthly pre-existence of the soul](#) (1)
- [nonneuralism](#) (1)
- [nuclear energy](#) (2)
- [nuclear war](#) (5)
- [nuclear weapons](#) (1)
- [nucleosynthesis](#) (3)
- [observer selection effect](#) (1)
- [ocean acidification](#) (1)
- [oceanic dispersal](#) (1)
- [optogenetics](#) (1)
- [orbs](#) (21)
- [organelles](#) (1)
- [origin of biological complexity](#) (38)
- [origin of elements](#) (2)
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- [origin of genes](#) (2)
- [origin of genetic code](#) (1)
- [origin of language](#) (7)
- [origin of life](#) (51)
- [origin of man](#) (16)
- [origin of Mind](#) (15)
- [origin of multicellular life](#) (2)
- [origin of protein complexes](#) (1)
- [origin of proteins](#) (3)
- [origin of sex](#) (1)
- [origin of sexual reproduction](#) (1)
- [origin of universe](#) (2)
- [out-of-body experience](#) (12)
- [overblown hype](#) (67)
- [overconfidence](#) (9)
- [overconsumption](#) (9)
- [overpopulation](#) (9)
- [overshoot and collapse](#) (1)
- [p-hacking](#) (1)
- [P/2013 R3](#) (1)
- [paleontology](#) (8)
- [pandemic](#) (2)
- [panpsychism](#) (4)
- [panspermia](#) (4)
- [paradoxes](#) (1)
- [parallel universes](#) (3)
- [paranormal healing](#) (2)
- [paranormal phenomena](#) (242)

You might be inclined to completely dismiss the account above, claiming that no one ever reports seeing the apparition of a living person. But while such apparitions are reported much more rarely than apparitions of the dead, the literature of the paranormal does include some cases of people reporting apparitions of living people. Such cases are discussed in my post [here](#).

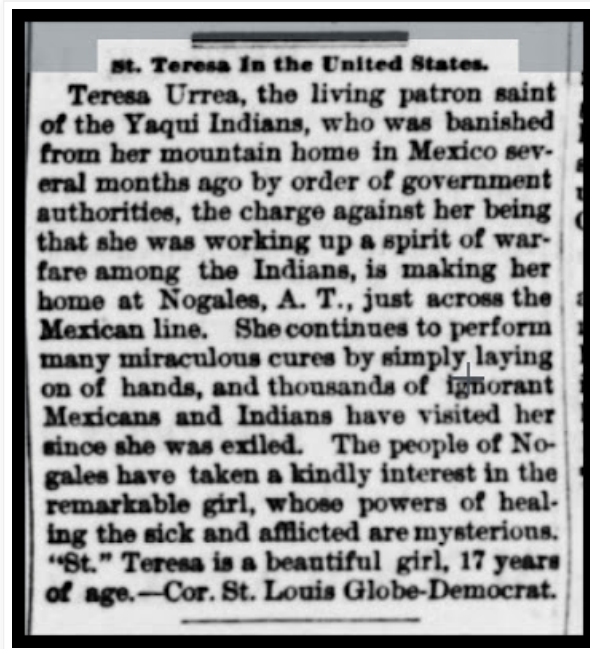
Another newspaper account of Teresa Urrea (from April 1892) [states this](#):



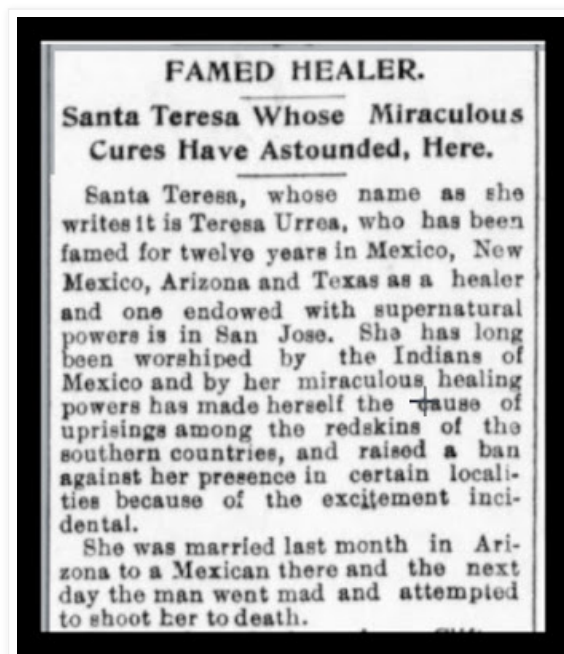
It seems that the healing powers of Teresa Urrea lasted a long time. She eventually became a folk hero known as Saint Teresa (Santa Teresa). Revolutionaries adopted her as an inspiration

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- [paraverse](#) (2)
- [pareidolia](#) (2)
- [particle collisions](#) (1)
- [particle physics](#) (15)
- [peak coal](#) (3)
- [peak oil](#) (5)
- [peer review](#) (1)
- [phantom events](#) (1)
- [philosophical zombie](#) (1)
- [philosophy](#) (33)
- [philosophy of mind](#) (20)
- [philosophy of science](#) (3)
- [photography](#) (2)
- [phylogenetics](#) (1)
- [physicalism](#) (2)
- [physics](#) (22)
- [pigs](#) (1)
- [planetoids](#) (1)
- [plant intelligence](#) (1)
- [Platonism](#) (1)
- [polls](#) (1)
- [pollution](#) (4)
- [poltergeist](#) (2)
- [polygamy](#) (1)
- [pork eating](#) (1)
- [post-scarcity economy](#) (1)
- [pre-1975 near-death experience](#) (15)
- [pre-1975 out-of-body experience](#) (1)
- [precognition](#) (26)
- [predictions](#) (4)
- [primordial fluctuations](#) (1)
- [primordial singularity](#) (1)
- [problem of evil](#) (6)
- [prognostication](#) (2)
- [programmed material universe](#) (8)
- [protein complexes](#) (1)
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- [protein localization](#) (1)
- [protein molecules](#) (7)
- [protein sensitivity](#) (1)
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- [psychometry](#) (5)
- [pulsars](#) (1)
- [qigong](#) (2)

or patron saint, although she denied encouraging them directly. An 1893 [newspaper article](#) states this.



A 1900 [newspaper article](#) (published eight years after the original reports of her healings) describes Teresa as being a famed healer who performed miraculous cures:



Do a Google image search for "Teresa Urrea" and you will find many articles about her. A search for newspaper articles on her using the search terms of "Teresa Urrea," "Theresa Urrea" and "Santa Teresa" or "Santa Theresa" produces quite a few matches.

- [quantum biology](#) (3)
- [quantum computer universe](#) (1)
- [quantum gravity](#) (1)
- [quantum mechanics](#) (7)
- [quasar polarization vector alignments](#) (1)
- [quasars](#) (1)
- [questionable research practices](#) (3)
- [racism](#) (1)
- [radical abundance](#) (1)
- [random universes](#) (2)
- [randomness](#) (2)
- [receptacle theory of consciousness](#) (3)
- [recolonization of Earth](#) (1)
- [recommended books](#) (15)
- [Reddit](#) (1)
- [reductionism](#) (6)
- [reincarnation](#) (6)
- [rejuvenation](#) (3)
- [remote viewing](#) (7)
- [replication crisis](#) (5)
- [requirements underestimation](#) (6)
- [resource depletion](#) (5)
- [retrocognition](#) (1)
- [RNA world hypothesis](#) (1)
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- [scientific theories](#) (6)



Teresa Urrea, called Santa Teresa

Posted by Mark Mahin at 5:30 AM No comments: 

Labels: [miracles](#), out-of-body experience, [paranormal healing](#), paranormal phenomena, pre-1975 out-of-body experience

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Some Accounts of Out-of-Body Experiences

Using the search link below, you can search for references to particular topics that appeared in the British publication *Psychic News*.

<https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3A2939726>

Below are some interesting accounts that I got after searching for the phrase "out-of-body," as in "out-of-body experiences." (It worked much better to type the phrase in quotation marks rather than without them.)

- A researcher who sent out a survey asking people if they had an out-of-body experience was surprised to find that 70 out of 110 people reporting such experiences reported them occurring more than once ([link](#)).
- Elizabeth Kubler-Ross (a leading researcher on death) reported that she had a spontaneous out-of-body experience after one of her exhausting five-day seminars ([link](#)).
- A woman who had been blind from birth had an out-of-body experience during surgery, and after the surgery was able to report details of the operation that should have been unknown to her ([link](#), [link](#)).

- [scientific theory](#) (5)
- [scientific thinking](#) (1)
- [scientism](#) (1)
- [scientist flubs and flops \(image series\)](#) (8)
- [scientist misconduct](#) (10)
- [scientist overconfidence](#) (1)
- [scientist recklessness](#) (1)
- [scientist specialization](#) (1)
- [scientist subculture](#) (2)
- [self](#) (1)
- [self-consciousness](#) (2)
- [sensationalism](#) (1)
- [sensitivity of proteins](#) (1)
- [SETI](#) (19)
- [sex](#) (1)
- [sexism](#) (1)
- [shared death experience](#) (2)
- [shopping](#) (1)
- [short radio bursts](#) (1)
- [simulated universe](#) (6)
- [Singularity](#) (8)
- [skepticism](#) (9)
- [slate writing](#) (2)
- [slavery](#) (1)
- [sleepwalking](#) (2)
- [social media](#) (1)
- [social security](#) (1)
- [social trends](#) (1)
- [sociology of science](#) (25)
- [software development](#) (5)
- [solar flares](#) (1)
- [solar system](#) (1)
- [soul](#) (4)
- [space colonization](#) (2)
- [space exploration](#) (3)
- [space station](#) (2)
- [spirit photography](#) (1)
- [spiritism](#) (1)
- [spiritual manifestations](#) (23)
- [spiritualism](#) (19)
- [sports of the future](#) (1)
- [STARGATE program](#) (1)
- [starships](#) (1)
- [stem cells](#) (1)
- [string theory](#) (8)
- [subsidies](#) (1)
- [sun](#) (1)
- [supercomputer](#) (3)
- [superintelligence](#) (7)
- [supermen](#) (2)
- [supernovae](#) (2)

- A patient who had an out-of-body experience during a dental operation reported seeing two pennies on top of a high shelf while the patient floated above her body. The dentist got a ladder, and found that the two pennies were really there ([link](#)).
- An actor named Richard Squires reported that while doing a frantic dance while playing a role on stage, he suddenly had an out-of-body experience, and began viewing the audience from high above them, from what is known in the theater as the rafters ([link](#)).
- Anthony Chamberlaine-Brothers reported having a similar out-of-body experience during his acting performance, with an additional twist making the story more interesting ([link](#)).
- Marcel Picard reported having an out-of-body experience in which he floated above his body, eventually reaching other apartments below his ([link](#)).
- A retired army major named Derek Scull reported having two out-of-body experiences in which he viewed his body from outside of it ([link](#)).
- Barbara Lambert said that during a difficult labor she floated out of her body to the ceiling, and saw her body from above, temporarily thinking that the body below her was her twin sister ([link](#)).
- A person being viciously beaten by the Nazis reportedly had an out-of-body experience in which he returned to his home, only to see his wife cavorting there with another man ([link](#)).
- A man having an out-of-body experience said that he felt more alive than ever before ([link](#)).
- A woman (W.H. Westley) said that at her son's funeral her heart fluttered, and she found herself high above the funeral attendees, addressed by the very son who had died ([link](#)).
- Arthur Sanders said he had an out-of-body experience during an operation. He says he felt himself "floating up, away from my body," and then found himself in an open landscape, glittering with light ([link](#)).
- Ami Greenstead suffered from a rare illness causing many fainting experiences, but reported to her mother that she had out-of-body experiences during such events, going up to the ceiling and observing her body from above ([link](#)).
- Bryce Bond reports that when hospitalized from an allergic reaction, he rose up out of his body to the

- [superstition](#) (1)
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ceiling, before traveling through a dark tunnel, and meeting a dead relative he recognized ([link](#)).

- Psychologist E. E. Bernard claims to have left his body, and says he verified the accuracy of details given by someone reporting an out-of-body experience to a place he had never been ([link](#)).
- A wheelchair-bound young celebrity reported out-of-body experiences that may involve traveling far away from her body ([link](#)).
- A nurse claimed that three different times she had an out-of-body experience when one of her patients was dying, saying that she kind of mystically traveled with them towards some otherworldly destination, before being told she must go back ([link](#)).
- Dick Battista reported floating above the operating table during a transplant operation and watching the surgeons do their work ([link](#)).
- The well-known movie actress Gloria Swanson reported an out-of-body experience ([link](#)).
- A road accident victim recalled separating from his body and watching from a distance as medical workers tried to revive him ([link](#)).
- While suffering a pulmonary embolism and days of unconsciousness in a hospital, Alan Cheek reported having an out-of-body experience in which he first saw medical workers working on his body and then encountered seeing his dead father and mother ([link](#)).
- Jason Winters reported that during an operation "I was aware that I had left my body," and found himself on a misty bridge before turning back ([link](#)).
- Soosie Holbeche reported that during a Caesarean section operation she found herself looking down on her body, feeling as if she had taken a dress off, later passing through a tunnel and having an expansion of consciousness before returning to her body ([link](#), [link](#)).
- Olivia Robertson reported having an out-of-body experience that included a "long, long tunnel" and an encounter with her deceased mother ([link](#)).
- Young Kanta Smith reported an out-of-body experience while "dead" for 15 minutes before being revived. She described meeting a grandfather she had never even seen in a photo, and a parent says the description matched that of the grandfather ([link](#)).
- Stefan von Jankovich reported having an out-of-body experience during a car accident in which his heart stopped for six minutes. He reports floating out of his

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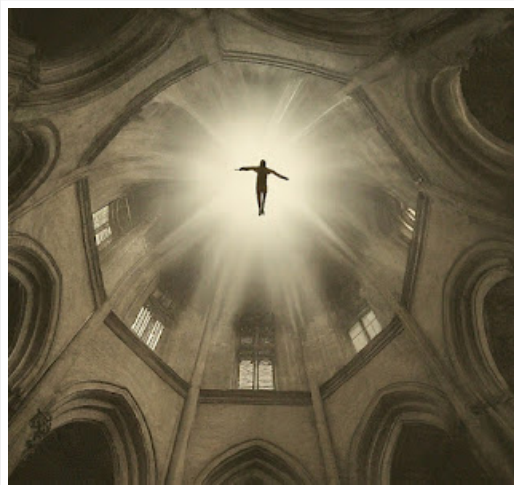
body, having a great feeling of peace, seeing accident bystanders and even reading their thoughts, hearing someone claim it was too late and that Stefan was dead, hearing heavenly music and having a life review in reverse order ([link](#)).

- Tommy Clack reported having an out-of-body experience when his legs and one of his arms were blown off during the Vietnam war. He reported looking down on his body as people gathered it for medical evacuation, and also reported communicating with soldiers who had died ([link](#)).
- Virginia Falce [reported](#) having an out-of-body experience as doctors were massaging her heart for three minutes, trying to revive her. She reported "I felt this absolute sense of love and peace embracing me, pulling me from somewhere. I looked over and could see it was coming from a **glowing circle of light.**"
- German government official Annamarie Renger reported leaving her body, and said that when she returned, it was like passing through a small tube ([link](#)).
- Marjorie Hall reported that she had an out-of-body experience during childbirth. She says, "I felt myself lift out of my body and float upward, " She reported seeing from above her body giving birth, at a height about 15 feet (about five meters) above the scene ([link](#)).
- A student claiming out-of-body experiences reportedly described correctly the home of her professor, which she had never physically seen, but claimed to have visited in an out-of-body experience ([link](#)).

On page 77 of the [February, 1926 edition](#) of The International Psychic Gazette, we have an article by William A. Reid entitled "Out of the Body." He describes out-of-body experiences by himself and others, some of which may be near-death experiences. Below are some excerpts:

"I would confine my attention to the claim made by living persons that they have been out of the body. Mr. Oaten, the respected Editor of The Two Worlds, in the issue of his paper for January 1st, 1926, writes, ' I remember seeing my body on that bed, and saying to myself, " That left arm will be stiff and sore when I wake up. " ' Then he describes what he saw—green fields, wonderful flowers, etc...There is a very large number of good solid folks, still in the flesh, who assert that they have been out of their bodies, and say that they saw their bodies in full consciousness and came back to reoccupy them. They have no

story to tell of wonderful spirit journeys and experiences, as in the above instances. They merely assert that they saw their own bodies. I have had this simple experience ; and give it largely because of its unpretentiousness....I was fully awake. I looked down on my body, and felt tremendously elated. I should not describe the feeling as ecstasy or rapture ; it was rather that of joy and intense satisfaction. I was in no sense carried away by the feeling. I thought I was dead, and said to myself, ' Well, it's all over, and I'm very glad.' Now I know that some will find fault with me for, so to speak, entering the Other World with a jest in my heart; but so it was. I seem to have become startled almost at once, for the next thing I felt was re-entering my body, gasping and panting and coughing. I thought I should have choked; but gradually the trouble subsided. Now this experience not only gave me the satisfactory proof that I am a spirit living in a body, but also that when the spirit leaves the body it experiences an exhilaration and uplift."



Those having an out-of-body experience may report being up near the ceiling....



...or a journey to some mystical realm

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Wednesday, July 31, 2024

More Early Accounts of Out-of-Body Experiences and Near-Death Experiences

In the [January 1894 edition](#) of the publication *Borderland*, page 257, George Wlyde M.D. states the following:

"It has been long known that persons who have been all but drowned, so as to appear actually dead, but who—it may be after hours of manipulation—have been restored to consciousness, have sometimes declared that the process of drowning, after the first struggle, was not agonising, but actually pleasurable. These individuals have sometimes said that the entire history of their lives has flashed before them as if photographed instantaneously, and that then they have seemed to ascend to heavenly regions and celestial felicity."

Wlyde then gives us an account of his personal experience of having an out-of-body experience.

"The same results have often followed the use of chloroform, and I myself, one day, in the year 1874, while inhaling chloroform as a relief to the agony of passing a small renal calculus, suddenly, to my great wonder, found my ego, or soul, or reasoning faculty, clothed, and in the form of my body, standing about two yards outside my body, and contemplating that body as it lay motionless on the bed. "

On the next page, Wlyde states this: "Mr. Stodart, dentist, told me he had met with many analogous cases, and at the Dental Hospital they told me that the patients under gas often saw visions and spoke of being out of their bodies." On the same page we read of this striking case reported by a Mr. Duguid:

"My wife's mother, Mrs. Arnot, left us for the higher existence on Feb. 5th, 1880. There is a married daughter living at Banchory, three miles from this town; Mrs. Arnot died at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. The married daughter was very ill in labour, and the doctors in attendance thought it wise to administer chloroform... She passed under the influence thereof at twelve o'clock, noon, and while doing so told all those present that her mother was dead, for she saw her, and that the baby was with her mother. No tidings of the mother's death reached the daughter's house till four o'clock in the afternoon, and on no account was she told after coming from under the influence of the chloroform. It is noteworthy that she spoke of having seen her babe in the spirit world as well as her mother, which was

quite consistent with fact, as the infant died in the doctor's hands, and was in the spirit world while the mother was still under the influence of chloroform."

In 1932 Mary M. Schulz wrote an account entitled "One hour and five minutes in eternity." She stated this on page 22 of the [June 1932 Forum of Psychic and Science Research](#):

"Many have had experiences 'in eternity.' I spent one hour and five minutes in the world eternal, where there is no death. It was on Sunday night, January twenty fourth, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, that I transcended the mystery of the grave. I was greatly worried over a lawsuit in which I was involved and could not sleep. I had been praying to the great Invisible for help when suddenly a strange 'quiver' went over my body and the next instant I was standing looking at myself. Then I heard the voice of 'something' say, 'Let's go'. And yet I could see my body and also the body of a friend who was sleeping soundly. Suddenly I found myself floating in space accompanied by a spirit friend who had come for me. It was a thrilling journey filled with varieties of scenery and climates— storms, ice and cold, and then miraculously, warmth and sunshine. We were surrounded by hundreds of planets, as it were. The guide bade us stop at one in particular which he said was 'Mario'. Its inhabitants were very cordial to us and made us welcome. But it was not for us to linger there. Our chief destination was the plane which is really the clearing house for all souls released from earth life. It was there I gained conclusive evidence that while mourners weep and say goodbye to the soul claimed by death, friends 'over there' are greeting us and us and welcoming our spirit to its new home where life is eternal....This 'place' was peopled with the departed of earth— our dear ones—and everything was similar to the planet earth, except more beautiful. Everywhere I saw happy faces free from the lines of worry and money problems. From my friends I learned that when the end of our earth experience occurs, through what is known as death, certain of our spirit friends and guides are told and are commissioned to come for us."

A similar tale was told in 1929 by a person who claimed to have spent "minutes in eternity" after having what felt like a heart attack. He states, "I know that for a limited time one night last year out in California my spiritual entity left my body and went somewhere -- a concrete place where I could talk, walk about, feel and see; where answers were returned to questions addressed to physically dead people, which have checked up in in the waking world and clarified for me the riddle of earthly existence."

In 1897 William H. Hamby told an account of a near-death experience and out-of-body experience, at a time when such terms were not in common use. On page 71 of the [June-November 1897 Metaphysical Magazine](#) (Volume 6), Hamby states the following:

*"Early in the evening I had started to return to our cabin, but, soon discovered that I had completely lost my bearings. I had been feeling very cold, but seemed to be perfectly comfortable when I sank down behind the tree to rest, before again trying to reach camp....Soon the world seemed slowly fading away. I could hear thousands of the merriest silver bells ringing away off in the forest. Nearer and nearer they came until they were all around me ringing in the strangest, wildest way. **Then I began to rise and without feeling the least surprise glanced downward and saw my body sitting by the tree.** I felt perfectly content and considered the circumstance a matter of course. Then suddenly and without effort I saw my companions two miles away hunting for me-and could hear them talking. Neither did this seem in the least strange; I was conscious of them without any special effort. I watched them-or thought of them rather-until they found my body, and heard one fellow say, 'He is frozen.' They rubbed and worked desperately with my body for some time. Then the other said- 'It's too late, I fear, but let's get him to the camp.'....I was placed on the bed. Again I heard one of them say: 'He's dead.' 'I hope not,' replied his companion; 'maybe we can bring him to.' They piled snow all around me, built up a large fire and continued to rub my hands and face. After a little they forced my mouth open and poured some brandy down my throat. Suddenly there was a flash of lightning, followed by a moment of keen pain; then I knew no more. About three hours later I became conscious of being on a very wet bed, with two scared men still pulling and hauling at me."*

On page 237 of the [June-November 1897 Metaphysical Magazine](#) (Volume 6), we have a similar account by another author. W. A. Laufman tells us this:

"My strange experience dates from about two years ago when I took sick in Mankato. . . . On December 26, at 11 o'clock in the morning, the doctor pronounced me dead and my body was turned over to M. Maui's undertaking establishment for preparation for shipment. My brother, C. H. Laufman, of Des Moines, Ia., was telegraphed for and came on to take charge of my remains.

On that fatal morning I was suddenly aware of an indescribable sensation, beginning at my feet and snapping clear through my frame and out at the top of my head. I was then conscious of

something like a ball of cotton released and spreading out, in form the size of a man at least three feet taller than myself. I was standing in the centre of the room and **plainly saw my dead body lying on the cot.** I started to leave the room and met one of the doctors. I wondered that he did not say something to me, but as he made no effort to stop me I went out on the street.

I walked down Fourteenth street to the corner toward California avenue, and there met an old acquaintance from Mitchell, S. D., named Milt Blose. I attempted to strike him on the back by way of salutation, but my arm passed right through him. I did not speak to him, but struck at him again with the same result. I utterly failed to attract his attention., although I followed him at least a block. I distinctly saw him walk across the street and gaze at a miniature Ferris wheel in a window."

After leaving Blose I went up to the hospital to see the body. I found the door closed, but as I could see into the room I passed through the door and gazed at myself for a while. I then went out and found the doctors and heard them discussing my case. I hung around with them until the arrival of my brother. I went in with him and the doctors and watched his anguish as he looked at my dead face. He remained at the hospital that night, as it was very late, and I went into the room with him and watched until he fell asleep.

I was laid out dead exactly thirty-seven hours and fifty-eight minutes. I stayed around with the doctors and my brother during all of the time, and heard and remembered every word spoken by them. The doctors wanted to make a post-mortem examination, but my brother objected.

Of course, you want to know how I got back into my shell, and it happened in this way: One of the specialists wanted to try some experiment with a new electric apparatus. My brother consented to it, and I accompanied them to my deathbed to watch the operation. The instruments were attached to my feet, and I distinctly felt the sensation while standing out in the centre of the room. I was next conscious of excruciating pains all through me, and I knew I was in my body again."

The link below takes you to a 1972 story that appeared before Moody's 1975 book was published:

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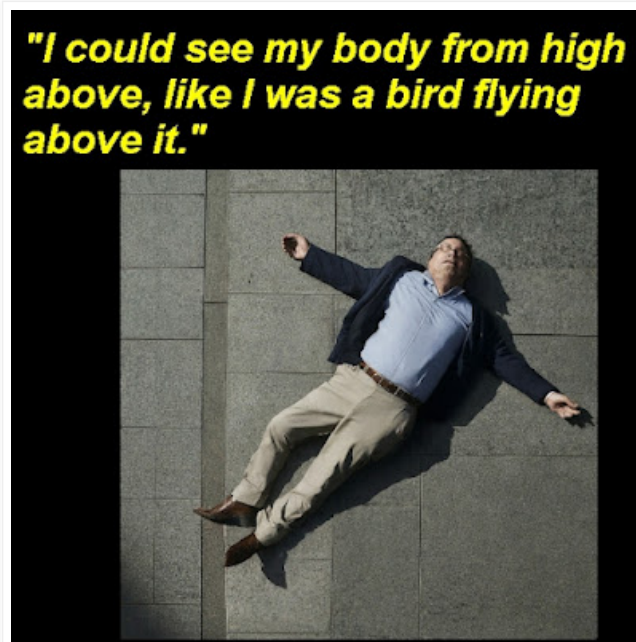
We get the account shown below (click on the image to read it more easily).



The headline in the story is "BOY 'CAME BACK FROM DEAD' SIX TIMES." We read this:

"At no stage was the boy in the presence of the doctors and nurse other than when he was in a deep coma or clinically dead...His father...told Litchfield: 'It was if he had been watching everything from afar, as if another world. He was aware of everything those doctors had done for him, without anyone telling him.'"

It sounds like another case of a veridical near-death experience, like those described in my post here.



A typical account in a near-death experience

Posted by Mark Mahin at [6:00 AM](#) No comments: 

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Friday, July 19, 2024

When Multiple Witnesses See the Same Apparition

In a 1973 book [we read this](#):

"Professor Hart in 'Scientific Survival Research' published in the International Journal of Parapsychology, March, 1967, comments that collectively perceived apparitions cannot be considered to have been produced by their viewers for two primary reasons. One is that, with examples which included more than one possible witness between one third and two thirds of all phantoms are collectively seen. He notes that each viewer observed the phantoms according to correct perspective: the percipients do not disagree regarding phantasmic actions, the garb, and the appearance of the apparition; each percipient saw the apparition when moving about according to normal parallax and perspective, and when a viewer walked around a phantasm (which has occurred in a few cases) it was seen according to normal perspective and appropriate parallax according to the point of angle."

Later [in the same book](#) we read this:

"Cases of collectively perceived apparitions exist in large number -- so large, in fact, that Tryrell pointed out in 1953 that he had studied 130 such examples and had no doubt that there were many more. Professor Hart notes in 'Six Theories About Apparitions' that in 156 cases involving phantoms, 46 featured other individuals placed so that during the appearances they would have seen the apparition if they had been real persons. It is noted that 26 of these, or 56 percent were witnessed collectively."

On page 38 of the [January 23, 1880 edition](#) of *The Spiritualist* we hear of an apparition sighting involving multiple witnesses:

"Mr. Shakespeare, one of the members, suddenly looked up, exclaiming, 'Good God, there is my father!' The whole Council then saw a figure of an unknown person glide through the chamber into another room which had no outlet, and disappear."

On January 7, 1881 H. D. Jencken wrote the account below of events occurring about ten days earlier, events involving his wife and a servant, an account published soon thereafter on page 21 of the [January 22, 1881 edition](#) of the publication *Light*:

"At about half-past six in the morning, on the 29th December last, the servant woman, as is her custom, opened the shutters of the back parlour window, when, to her surprise, she saw two luminous figures clad in white robes. The figures appeared to float across the lawn of the small garden, and moved towards the house. Alarmed at what she saw, the servant ran upstairs and called Mrs. Jencken, who descended into the parlour and likewise saw the two figures, which were not unlike, in size and outline, to my two boys. More bold than her servant she opened the window, when, lo and behold ! the two figures approached the window and stood on the small balcony in front. This movement of the apparitions so frightened Mrs. Jencken that she, accompanied by the servant, in their alarm closed the window and ran away. The interesting part of this account is the agreement in the description of the figures between Mrs. Jencken and her servant, the time the forms remained visible, and the time they occupied in approaching the window, evidently drawn towards Mrs. Jencken."

On page 255 of the publication [here](#), we have an account of an apparition seen by multiple witnesses:

"We had only gone a short distance, and were traversing a small pasture, when I caught a glimpse of a figure in white behind us and sideways to me. I called the attention of my companions to it, for it was plainly discernible—a tall figure all in white, even the head appeared to be shrouded in white. Mr. de Wolfe shouted at the figure 'to keep off, that we wanted nothing of it,' or words to that effect, and then the figure seemed to move more rapidly towards us. It came with great swiftness and with a gliding motion; I could perceive no motion like walking. I turned round and looked at it several times. When I first saw it it was coming from the direction of an old apple orchard. We walked rapidly across the pasture, and got through the bars of the fence that divides my father's land from the Sharp property. On the other side of this fence is a lane leading up from the main road to our house. The figure followed us along the line of this fence, keeping all the time on the Sharp side of it, till it came to the corner where a cross fence formed the upper boundary of the pasture. I was on the inside nearest that corner, and I plainly saw the figure at that corner about ten feet from me. As we walked up towards our house I went up to the lane fence and saw the white figure gliding away in a northerly direction. I had a good view of it, and it seemed to be up from the ground two or three feet. We all saw it several times....I have been questioned by several persons about the appearance we saw as above stated, and to the various suppositions offered by them, attributing the figure to fraud, viz., to a man on stilts, or a

person dressed in white designing to frighten us by a practical joke. I have only to say that I consider such suppositions baseless, that I believe the form to have been that of a spirit, and the most careful inquiries relative to the possibility of personation by any person in the form, as well as calm reflection since I saw the apparition, have only confirmed me in that belief."

The account [here](#) from page 4 of the Psychic News of February 25, 1984 tells of a radio station where multiple people claimed to have seen an apparition. Gloria Johnson reported seeing a transparent figure floating by. She immediately went to a lunch room where others were lunching, and screamed, "Oh my God, I saw a ghost!" We read this about Henry Eaton: "When Ms. Johnson burst into the lunch room, the engineer said he too had seen an apparition that morning."

The account [here](#) from page 10 of the Psychic News of November 12, 1932 tells of an apparition seen by multiple witnesses. We read this: "Both opened their doors, and both saw the figure of a Passionist Father parading the corridor, and finally disappearing...The apparition spoke and said that the rector had not fulfilled a promise made to him when in the flesh to pray for a him a certain number of times on certain occasions."

In the report [here](#), from the August 28, 1982 edition of Psychic News, we read of a man and a woman who in 1981 both saw an apparition of a boy in their home. We read that in one occurrence the form persisted for two hours. We read, "Two or three times weekly the apparition appeared."

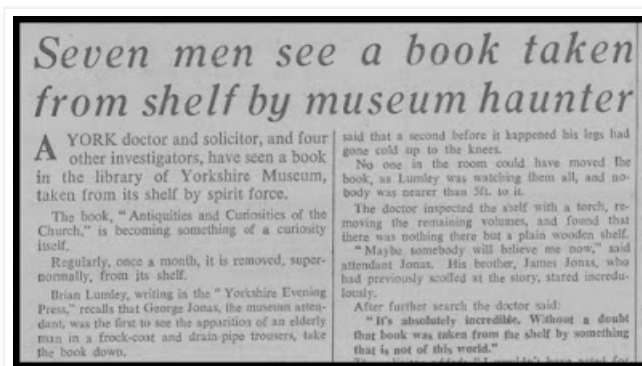
On page 5 of the January 28, 1939 edition of Psychic News, which you can read [here](#), we read of a woman who shot herself after shooting her husband. The woman was found at 7:45 AM on December 6, 1938, by a person who called the police. Arriving at 8:30 AM, the police determined that the two must have died the previous evening. At about 9:20 AM on that morning two witnesses in a passing car claimed to have seen the woman outside her house. After reading a newspaper account of the woman's death, the two went to the police and reported that they had seen the woman outside her house at 9:20 AM. The police insisted that they had arrived at 8:30 AM and found the woman dead. The account says the two witnesses had no doubt the woman was the same woman found dead at 8:30 AM.

In the August 21, 1954 edition of Psychic News, which you can read [here](#), we read that 50 students and members of the Coptic School in Jerusalem claimed to have seen an apparition of a woman holding a baby. The account tells of a room being flooded with light when the apparition was seen.

Below is a story from page 2 of the February 2, 2008 edition of Psychic News. You can read the full story [here](#).

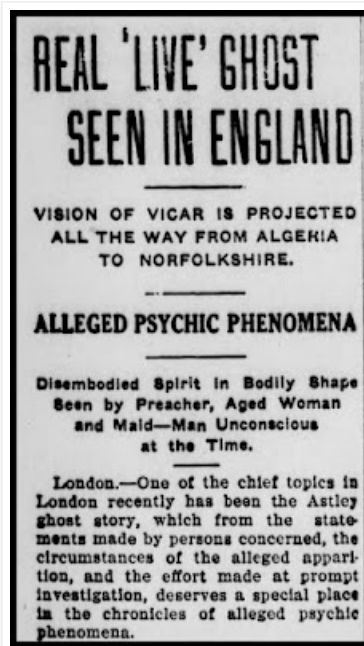


The account below appears on the front page of the [December 26, 1953 edition](#) of Psychic News:



The account [here](#) in a Scottish newspaper tells us that Robert Brock and Mrs. Hartley saw an apparition of Hugh Astley, on the same night of learning that Astley had suffered a severe injury in a railway accident. This is not a typical apparition account, as Astley apparently recovered from his injuries. But the account is one of quite a few accounts in which someone claimed to see an apparition of the living. We are told the interesting detail that Astley had suffered a brain concussion, and was probably unconscious when the reported apparition was seen. You could fit the story into a theory that in a coma the soul can kind of wander the way souls seem to wander during near-death experiences.

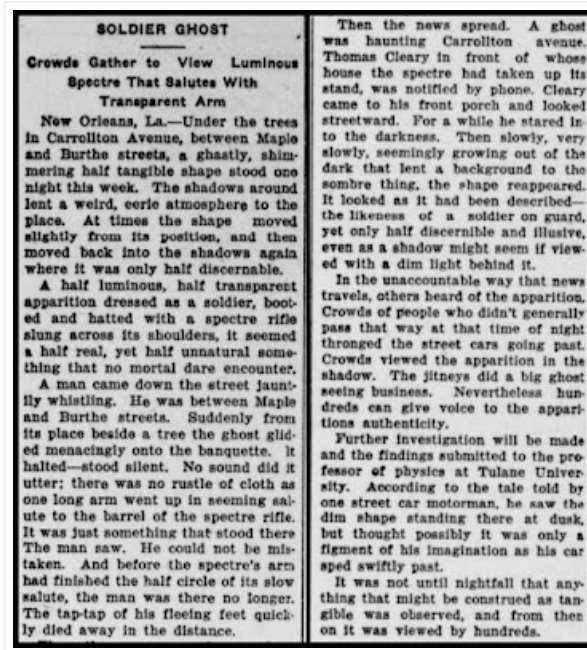
Below is part of the account:



The account below appeared on page 8 of the [December 23, 1989 edition](#) of Psychic News:



An article [here](#) tells us that near Dublin, Ireland an eight-foot-tall ghost was seen near a railway line by multiple witnesses, including a party of six that went out to see based on previous reports. The article below comes from the Charlevoix County Herald, January 29, 1916, and can be read [here](#).



Below is another news account of an apparition seen by multiple witnesses. The original account in the Medford Mail Tribune (dated 25, 1913) can be read [here](#) and [here](#). We read of twelve witnesses, and an apparition persisting for three hours.



The account below appeared in the La Jara Chronicle of November 23, 1906 (you can read the full account [here](#)):



An 1875 newspaper account tells this story of an apparition seen by more than one witness:

She was talking to a young preacher on the porch at her brother-in-laws, when they saw a ghost approaching them very white and extremely bright. It came towards them, and came very close to where they were standing, when they fled into the house. The Reverend told me that he was not scared himself, but that the large kind of chills ran briskly up and down the vertebra. Some little time after, Catharine concluded to go to the brook and get a cool draught, while the inmates opposed her, requesting her to remain in the house; but go she must and did. When outside this same little ghost appeared again, reaching for her, and spoke to her, but she could not tell what it said. She then became unconscious, as she testifies, and began to scream. The young minister ran to her relief and helped her in the house. Her parents and friends were sent for in haste, then myself.

She told me that it was a young man that used to come to see her, and that he was dead, and had sent for her a short while before he died, but she did not visit him. This young man's name was Miner Eperson, of Randolph

You can read the full account here:

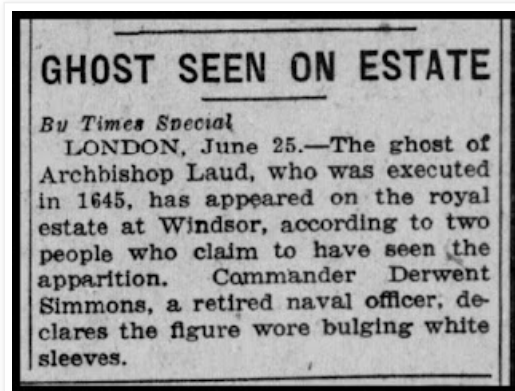
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Apparently the news report below appeared after an apparition was seen by multiple witnesses:



You can read the strange account using the links [here](#) and [here](#).

We read below of a ghost seen by two witnesses:



You can read the 1926 story on the page [here](#):

The accounts given above are only a few of many cases in which more than one witness reported seeing the same apparition. For many other cases different from the ones above, see my posts below:

[When Two or More See the Same Apparition](#)

[When an Apparition Is Seen by Multiple Observers: 17 Cases](#)

When an Apparition Is Seen by Multiple Observers: 17 More Cases

[More Apparitions Seen by Multiple Observers](#)

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[Still More Apparitions Seen by Multiple Observers](#)

[When an Apparition Is Seen by Not Just One](#)

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Thursday, July 11, 2024

Some More Dreams or Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death or Disaster

In the posts below I have given many examples of dreams, visions or eerie voices that seemed to foretell a death:

[When Dreams or Visions Foretell a Death](#)

[More Dreams or Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

[Still More Dreams or Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

[Still More Dreams, Visions or Voices That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

[Even More Dreams and Visions That Seemed to Foretell a Death](#)

Let us look at some additional cases of this type.

On page 66 of the [August 27, 1853 *Spiritual Telegraph*](#), we read the following:

"General Stephen Rowe Bradley, formerly of Westminster, Vermont, a lawyer of distinction, and senator from that State in Congress, a gentleman not likely to be influenced by superstitious notions, on one occasion, when absent from home some 100 miles, dreamed that his son, a youth, was drowned. The impression of this dream upon his mind was so intense, that he immediately, with all haste, started for home. On his arrival there, lie found the funeral procession just leaving his house, to bear that son to the grave! He was drowned, according to the indication of his father's dream.

Hon. John M. Goodenow, of Ohio, a lawyer of high standing, at one time member of Congress, and also a judge of the Supreme Court of that State, while residing in Bloomfield, in Trumbull

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County, resting at a tavern— a short day's ride from home, when on his return from a journey— dreamed that his house was on fire, and his family asleep within it. He was a nervous man—one of the last persons to yield to fancies of that description; but, instantly awaking, and feeling an unusual solicitude for his family, he at once arose from his bed, mounted his horse, and rode with all speed for home, where he arrived just after day-break. His first sight of his house disclosed the smoke breaking through or issuing from the roof! His early arrival enabled him to arouse his family in season to save themselves and the bouse, which was ignited in some of the timbers, but had not yet burst into a flame."

An author named Newton Crosland [stated this](#):

"On another occasion, some years ago, I dreamed that I saw an old uncle of mine dying. It was a morning dream. I had not seen or heard of this relative for many years previously. I believed that he was alive and well as usual at his house in Reading. The next morning I received a letter from a cousin, giving me the information of my uncle's death, which happened about an hour after the time when I experienced the dream."



On page 194 of the 1877 document [here](#), we read this:

"On Tuesday, August 17th, Roscoe Hurd, of West Lebanon, was drowned. The Great Falls Journal says:— ' Mrs. Hurd had been spending a few weeks at Ogunquit for her health, accompanied by her daughter Ella, and Roscoe the youngest son, fourteen years of age. Last week Mr. Hurd had a very singular dream. He seemed to see Roscoe slide from the rocks, and be engulfed in the waves. So vivid was it that he could not get rid of the impression, and last Saturday went down to the beach to see if

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all were safe, and, when he came away, cautioned them over and over again to be careful. At five o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, this terrible dream had its fulfilment. Roscoe had fixed a comfortable place for his mother to lie down on the shore ; cheerily saying that he would be back soon, he went in bathing with a small boy ten years old. While playing on the rocks he slipped, and an undercurrent quickly took him beyond human help."

As reported [here](#), a doctor named Bartholomew A. Ruggieri says he had a dream on June 2, 1968, one in which he was on Sixth Avenue watching from a window a procession of mourners. In the dream mourners carried a banner ending with the words "Kennedy Assassination." Ruggieri phoned someone, telling him he thought that the dream signified that US senator Robert Kennedy would be assassinated on the 6th of June. Kennedy was shot late on June 5, 1968, and died from the attack on June 6, 1968.

On page 142 of the document [here](#), we read this account by Richard Walker:

"In the year 1833 I had left my home at Milton Mills, N. H., on the 13th of April, for a journey to different places, calculating to be gone five days. I had taken a horse and carriage as conveyance, as railroads were absent on my route. The second day after I left home I reached Portsmouth, N. H., and that night I dreamed that an aunt of mine, who had been in the spirit-world several years, came to me and told me that my little son was sick and would die; she also showed me all the arrangements of the funeral, just as afterwards actually took place. All this was so vivid and real to me that I had not a doubt of the fact, and instead of prosecuting my business any farther, as I intended, which would have led me to other places, I took an early start for home, arriving at Dover at 11 o'clock, and, while waiting for my horse to eat, I entered the house of a near relative, who urged me to stop to dinner, but I said, "No, my boy is sick and will die; I must hasten home." When I arrived home I found my little son on his conch with membranous croup, and the doctor standing over him. He died before the time I should have been home had it not been for the dream."

On page 72 of an [1896 edition](#) of *The Metaphysical Magazine*, we have an account from a Canadian newspaper:

"On July 17, 1895, late in the afternoon, Mr. G. W. Walrond was standing in the office of Robert Evans & Co.'s warehouse, where he is employed as accountant. While talking to a young lady employed in the office, the vision of a burning house suddenly came before him. He closed his eyes and received a

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powerful impression that the Ocean House at the beach was on fire. He quietly told the young lady at the typewriter that he believed the Ocean House was on fire. She laughed at him. He stepped to the telephone and rang up the central office. 'Have you heard of a fire?' he asked. 'Yes,' replied the operator, 'we have just heard from the beach that the Ocean House is burning!' The next day Mr. Walrond spoke to Mr. Evans about the fire. 'Yes,' said Mr. Evans, 'I was at the beach and saw it, and I was trying to reach you by telephone to tell you about it, but couldn't.' After further explanations it was discovered that the time that Mr. Evans was thinking about Mr. Walrond and wishing that he could communicate with him by telephone was the exact time that Mr. Walrond saw the mental vision of the burning house and received the impression that it was the Ocean House. If the telepathic theory is true, Mr. Evans, although he failed to communicate with Mr. Walrond by telephone, did actually communicate with him by means of telepathy."

On [page 232](#) of an 1895 edition of *The Metaphysical Magazine*, Laura E. Giddings gives us this account in which she seemed to dream-experience how a friend was dying far away:

"An occurrence of a similar nature was my own in October, 1882. In childhood I had for a playmate a little friend whom I will call Ida. When I was about ten years of age her father died and the family moved to a distant city. The mother married again, and my little playmate grew up among surroundings which effectually divided her life from mine. I had ceased to think of her, when one night I dreamed of being in a room where every object was as distinctly visible to me as though I had been actually there, and where upon a bed lay tossing in great agony my childhood's friend, Ida. I sat on a lounge near the bed, and while staring in a heart-broken sort of way at the pitiable suffering before me, my friend suddenly raised herself and turning to her mother, who seemed also present, exclaimed: 'Why, mamma, here is -----', giving her old childish name for me. I awoke from this vision as if emerging from a chamber of horrors, and although it was hardly more than midnight I did not again fall asleep. In the morning I told my experience to a friend, who laughed at me for being impressed by a dream! Before the day was far gone, however, a telegram came, saying: 'Ida is dead. Can you come to us?' I hastened to the home of my friend's mother who met me with: 'Oh, N, Ida's last words were of you. She thought that you were sitting by her bedside, and, turning to me just before she died, said: "Oh, mamma, there is -----"! " " "

On [page 49](#) of the December 1897 - March 1898 edition of *The Metaphysical Magazine*, Mrs. Mcvean Adams gives us an account of being inexplicably struck by a sudden horror:

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"Suddenly a cold horror seized me, my hair began to creep upon my scalp, and I felt my cheeks contract, as if the skin were drawn outward by invisible fingers. Darkness fell before my face -- the opaque blackness of deep, still water, but now agitated by violent movement; and in the water I saw a face arise, a countenance of distorted childish loveliness, which I could almost, but not quite, recognize. Across the white, dimpled cheeks, wet hair of a golden color was streaming. The voices of my companions sounded faint and far away. Suddenly the cathedral bell of my little onyx clock chimed, as if it struck against my ear, 'One, two, three, four.' With convulsive movements of my arms, I struggled up against the darkness, and rushed from the room....Down the cellar-stairs I flew, straight to our cistern, which I found covered as usual, with a heavy weight, much beyond my power to lift, upon the cover. Once more the blood receded from my heart to my cold face and prickling hands and feet. Almost sobbing with the reaction of my relief, I ran out from the cellar, through the open double doors, and into the back yard. There, quietly seated upon the grassy terrace, were my boy and his three little playmates....I apologized to my guests by explaining that having imagined our cistern might be uncovered, and fearing that one of the children might fall in, the thought had frightened me so that even when I found it safe, I had brought the little ones in."

She later learned that a neighbor's little boy (Teddy) had drowned in a cistern at four o'clock that afternoon -- at the same time she had her strange vision. Adams states this:

"I now recognized the cold, wet, dimpled face, with the golden hair washed straight along the white cheeks. It was little Teddy, the laughing, chubby darling of my neighbor's household. Almost in silence my husband and I walked the mile, through the sweet June twilight, to that stricken home. Yes, it was the very face of my vision, but oh, so still and meek, the golden hair just drying into its old-time fluffy rings. I even leaned and looked into the opaque blackness of the water. It was just as I saw it, before the face appeared."

On page 57 of a master's thesis you can read [here](#), Antoinette M. von dem Hagen tells us this striking account of a dream in which she also seemed to co-experience how someone died far away at about the same time:

"In the middle of the night, I had a dream in which I was gently 'taken' to my father, who was driving down a dark road. I suddenly became aware that I was in my father's car, hovering in the back seat behind his right shoulder. I could hear everything in his mind. He was upset about something, yet his thoughts were extremely clear. He was thinking about us: my

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mother, myself, and my siblings. There was a woman in the passenger seat, but she seemed very distant; I was not privy to her thoughts nor was I interested in them. It was raining hard, one of those tropical storms that come up quickly and disappear even faster. There were no lights on the highway. Without warning, something was in front of the car. It was large and heavy and dark; it could not be seen until we were upon it. My father swerved to avoid it, but suddenly he and I were floating up to the sky. We traveled on these magnificent waves of love, a joy and contentment that I have never again experienced. We were moving along a dark tunnel and I was so happy. Unexpectedly, a small light appeared at the end of the darkness. We started moving more quickly and the light grew larger. As we neared it, I was stopped. My father continued towards it and I tried to go as well. There was a 'physical' resistance that became increasingly stronger; after my third attempt, a very firm 'voice,' —which I actually physically felt more than heard, almost like sound waves somehow translating into English— emerged from the light and said, 'It is not your time. You must go back.' I started to argue, asking to please go with my father. The voice repeated these sentences. Abruptly, I was whisked away by a strong 'wind' that moved me quickly through space, accompanied by lights of different colors. The journey back felt almost instantaneous and I found myself hovering over the crash site. There was an ambulance there, which loaded my father and the woman into the back and sped to Makati Medical Center. I know that because I followed them, and at the hospital, I heard a doctor pronounce my father dead. I also knew the woman had survived and was hospitalized."

Antoinette was told that day that her father had died. Later in the account we read this:

"Very soon after my mother returned, I asked if we could go see the lady in the hospital. She was shocked that I knew about her and asked me who had told me. I told her about my dream. Of course, I had no way of knowing that this woman was my father's mistress, that he had brought her back to our home earlier that night, that there had been a fight, and that, for the first time any of us could recall, he removed his wedding and family crest rings and placed them in the den bathroom where they were found a few days later. My mother confirmed what I knew—the hospital, the time, the dark highway without lights on which a truck had broken down, the rain-slicked roads that made the crash inevitable."

On page 62 of the same master's thesis, we have this narrative rather similar to the narrative above, coming from Margaret Keller:

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Psychic Experiences in the News, Part 2

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"My mate got up at 6:00 AM, February 27, 1981, went downstairs, washed up, put on the teakettle, went in the living room, sat down on the davenport, died of a massive coronary, and instantly 'departed.' No sound, no struggle; yet I 'knew' – instantly. I raced downstairs, went to him, and 'went with him' through the tunnel, to the Light. He 'went through' the veil or membrane; I was stopped by 'the voice' and sent back, with a message. I did not want to come back at that moment. A lifetime was crowded into seconds, yet it was comfortable and 'uncrowded': timeless – more than that! My thoughts were speeded up and different. I was 'home,' and knew everything I had known forever. The joy, peace, love, warmth are not describable; joy beyond words. I was home, at one with God, love, self. I was totally alive, without the physical body, aware of all senses. I encountered 'the voice': warm, soft, loving, gentle, kind, yet loud and booming, firm and commanding, who said, as I was about to go through, 'Stop, stop, Margaret Helen. You must go back; you must go back now. My children need you; you have my work to do.' I sensed the presence and saw the spirit of my friend, others, all sending me back, yet filling me full of a love beyond description: forgiven and loved, but sent back."

Recently an NBC News local affiliate [made this report](#):

"It was early Friday morning when Jessica Daley, who works along the Garden State Parkway, said she awoke to a premonition.

'I had just like a really like, bad gut feeling that something was going to happen. Like something terrible was going to happen,' she said.

Then a second warning came around 4 a.m.

'I actually had a feeling that I was going to get in a car accident. And it was so strong, that I actually called out and I literally never call out of work,' Daley said.

About four hours later, there was a violent crash at the Barnegat Toll Plaza, as a garbage truck slammed into a collector's booth.

Daley said that booth 'is usually the booth that I'm in.'

Debris hit a Chevy pickup and the toll booth. A toll collector and the trash truck driver suffered serious injuries."

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A Ghostly Twist to the Story of the Soldier-Poet Who Died a Week Before the End of World War I

The poet Wilfred Owen is widely known for the irony of his death. A soldier in World War I, he died in battle only one week before the end of World War I. Below is the beginning of his antiwar poem "Anthem for Doomed Youth":

What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?

Only the monstrous anger of the guns.

Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle

Can patter out their hasty orisons.

No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells;

Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs,—

The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;

And bugles calling for them from sad shires.

Another great poem of Wilfred Owen is entitled "[Dulce et Decorum Est](#)" and makes use of a Latin slogan ("Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori") claiming that it is sweet and proper to die for one's country. Below is an excerpt:

*Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through
sludge,
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots,
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots
Of gas-shells dropping softly behind....*

*If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,—
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est
Pro patria mori.*

The story of Wilfred Owen's death a week before the end of World War I has been widely told as a tale of sad irony. But there is good reason for thinking the story had a happier ending. At the page [here](#) of a book, we are told that Wilfred's father saw

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Wilfred appear as a shining apparition, a week before getting a telegram announcing Wilfred's death in combat. The same page tells us that a week after Wilfred's death Wilfred's brother Harold saw Wilfred before him.

Whenever I read an account like the one above in a book, and the account gives no source references, I always try to track down the original source material. There is no substitute for examining the earlier source materials describing incidents of the paranormal, and the failure of skeptics to do such a thing is an appalling failure of good scholarship. In this case I was able to find the original source account written by Harold Owen, Wilfred's brother. The account is found [on page 198](#) of his book "Journey from obscurity : Wilfred Owen 1893-1918; memoirs of the Owen family." We read this account by Harold, of what happened while he was on some boat or ship off of Africa, far away from the European battlefield where Wilfred died:

"I had gone down to my cabin thinking to write some letters. I drew aside the door curtain and stepped inside and to my amazement I saw Wilfred sitting in my chair. I felt shock run through me with appalling force and with it I could feel the blood draining away from my face. I did not rush towards him but walked jerkily into the cabin -- all my limbs stiff and slow to respond. I did not sit down but looking at him I spoke quietly: 'Wilfred, how did you get here?' He did not rise and I saw that he was involuntarily immobile, but his eyes which had never left mine were alive with the familiar look of trying to make me understand; when I spoke his whole face broke into his sweetest and most endearing dark smile. I felt no fear -- I had not when I first drew my door curtain and saw him there; only exquisite mental pleasure at thus beholding him. All I was conscious of was a sensation of enormous shock and profound astonishment that he should be here in my cabin. I spoke again. 'Wilfred, dear, how can you be here, it's just not possible.' But still he did not speak but only smiled his most gentle smile...He was in uniform and I remember thinking how out of place the khaki looked amongst the cabin furnishings. With this thought I must have turned my eyes away from him; when I looked back my cabin chair was empty...I felt the blood run slowly back to my face and looseness into my limbs and with these an overpowering sense of emptiness and absolute loss...The certainty of my conviction of Wilfred's death amounted I realized to absolute knowledge; I could not any longer question it. That I had not heard that he had been killed -- that weeks had now passed since the fighting had stopped -- made no difference to me at all; all that could be explained."

It was not until around Christmas of 1918 that [Harold received written notification of Wilfred's death](#). The notification added to

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the irony of Wilfred's death a week before the war's end. On the very day (November 11, 1918) that the church bells were pealing because of the war's end on that day, his family had got written notification of Wilfred's death.



Wilfred Owen

We seem to have here a case that falls into both of two different categories of apparition sightings that are particularly powerful as evidence. The first category is that of apparitions seen by multiple witnesses. I give many examples of such cases in my posts below:

[When Two or More See the Same Apparition](#)

[When an Apparition Is Seen by Multiple Observers: 17 Cases](#)

[When an Apparition Is Seen by Multiple Observers: 17 More Cases](#)

[More Apparitions Seen by Multiple Observers](#)

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[Still More Apparitions Seen by Multiple Observers](#)

[When an Apparition Is Seen by Not Just One](#)

The case of the Wilfred Owen apparition also falls into another major category of apparition sightings: examples of what are called "crisis apparitions." Typically in such cases someone will report seeing an apparition of someone he did not know had died. The person will typically then later learn that the person did die, at about the time the apparition was seen. I describe hundreds of such cases in my series of posts below:

[An Apparition Was Their Death Notice](#)

[25 Who Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)

[25 More Who Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)

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[Scientific American's Very Lame "Ghost Explanations"](#)

[They Also Were "Ghost Told" of a Death](#)

[More Accounts of Veridical Apparitions](#)

[Even More Cases of Veridical Apparitions](#)

[When Apparitions Serve as Announcements](#)

[Still More Cases of Veridical Apparitions](#)

[When Apparitions Act as News Bulletins](#)

[They Too Were "Ghost-Told" of a Death](#)

[They Seemed to Ghost-Learn of Someone's Death](#)

[When Crisis Apparitions Seem to Notify of Someone's Death](#)

Some more examples of such cases are below. In the [December 12, 1870 edition](#) of *Harper's Weekly*, we have an account by Florence Marryat involving apparition sightings. [Florence describes](#) being summoned on the 27th of July by a friend named Adelaide, who had a husband George who was far away doing military work. Upon meeting with her, Adelaide said, "George has been here; he has been sitting in that chair all night." Despite being told by Florence that her account is nonsense, Adelaide sticks to her story, saying George was wearing his uniform. She said, "I am sure something has happened to him -- that he is dead." We read this:

"We were to sleep together; but we got little rest. As soon as the lights were extinguished and I had composed myself, I was roused by her assertion that her husband had returned, and was sitting in the same chair as he done on the night before. I sat up in the bed, but I could see nothing; the whole room was dark, excepting where the moon-beams struggled through the window-blind."

The same thing happened on the next night. Later we read that the husband had taken ill on the 25th of July, and had died on the 27th of July, the same night his apparition was seen.

According to the source [here](#), a similar case occurred in 1840:

"On January 3, 1840 Mrs. Baring-Gould sat at her dining room table reading the Bible by the light of a candle. Looking up, she reported afterward, she saw her brother Henry, sitting

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at the other side of the table. The scene appeared entirely natural -- except for the fact that Henry was at that time serving aboard a Royal Navy ship in the South Atlantic....The woman stared steadily at her brother for several moments, until the form grew dim and faded away before her eyes. Realizing what this might mean, Mrs. Baring-Gould stated the words 'Saw Henry' and the date in the flyleaf of her Bible. A month later, word came her brother had died at sea -- his death had occurred at the very moment his sister saw his figure sitting across from her."

A Dr. Collyer [gives this account of a crisis apparition](#) seen by his mother Anne E. Collyer:

"In October, 1857, I visited the United States. When, at my father's residence, Camden, New Jersey, the melancholy death of my brother became the subject of conversation, my mother narrated to me that at the very time of the accident, the apparition of my brother Joseph was presented to her. This fact was corroborated by my father and four sisters. Camden, New Jersey, is distant from the scene of the accident, in a direct line, over 1,000 miles, and nearly double that distance by the mail route. My mother mentioned the fact of the apparition on the morning of the 4th of January to my father and sisters ; nor was it until the 16th, or 13 days after, that a letter was received confirming in every particular the extraordinary visitation."

In 1861 Anne E. Collyer wrote this letter to a son, a later dated March 27th, 1861, and dealing with the death of Joseph:

"My beloved Son, — On the 3rd of January, 1856, I did not feel well, and retired to bed early. Some time after, I felt uneasy and sat up in bed ; I looked round the room, and to my utter amazement, saw Joseph standing at the door, looking at me with great earnestness, his head bandaged up, a dirty night-cap on, and a dirty white garment on, something like a surplice. He was much disfigured about the eyes and face. It made me quite uncomfortable the rest of the night. The next morning, Mary came into my room early. I told her that I was sure I was going to have bad news from Joseph. I told all the family at the breakfast table ; they replied, ' It was only a dream, and all nonsense,' but that did not change my opinion. It preyed on my mind, and on the 16th of January I received the news of his death ; and singular to say, both William and his wife, who were there, say that he was exactly attired as I saw him. "

Referring to the apparition of Joseph reported by his mother as a "mental impression," Dr. Collyer [adds this](#) about Joseph's

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death: "My father, who was a scientific man, calculated the difference of longitude between Camden, New Jersey, and New Orleans, and found that the mental impression was at the exact time of my brother's death."

On page 3 of the document [here](#), we have a report by Mary Dana Shindler quoting an account she received in a personal letter:

"On the 14th of May, 1861, two hours before day, the dear boy called to me, 'Oh ma my dear mamma! it is a glorious thing to be a Christian !' This awoke me, and I then saw him as plainly as I see this pen; his head was bleeding violently, and he seemed to lie lying on green grass. My friend, this was not imagination, for I could get no letters from home during the war, and did not suppose that one so young—only eighteen—would be in the army. The excitement made me ill, and the day and hour of the occurrence were carefully set down. In October, five months after, we were allowed to receive an open letter of one page, containing only family news; and mine told me that on the morning of the 14th of May, my dear boy, being on picket duty in Virginia, was shot in the head and instantly killed. I have felt ever since that his spirit was allowed to come to tell me of his death."

Posted by Mark Mahin at [5:30 AM](#) No comments: 

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It Seemed the Paranormal Was Her Near-Constant Companion

Recently I had a dream about the late Kate Fox, one that struck me as being perhaps of great significance. I dreamed I was standing in front of an elevator, and someone said, "Kate Fox wants to see you." I got in the elevator, and pressed a floor number. But it seemed I pressed a series of digits making a number much larger than 1000, as if I was trying to ascend very many times higher than the top of the world's tallest building. The combination of the motif of the deceased person wanting to see me and the motif of an ascent to some super-high elevation made the dream one of [400+ dreams I have had suggesting life after death](#).

Kate Fox was one of the famous Fox sisters involved in [the events in Hydesville, New York beginning in 1848](#), and [the events not long after in Rochester, New York](#), events that were the beginning of a series of dramatic manifestations that lasted for decades, and were reported in very many places in the United States and Europe, mostly when none of the Fox sisters

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were present. The manifestation began as inexplicable sounds that were called "rappings" or raps.

The important American newspaper figure Horace Greeley [reported](#) on the visit of the Fox sisters to New York City:

"Mrs. Fox and her three daughters left our city yesterday, on their return to Rochester, after a stay here of some weeks ; during which they have subjected the mysterious influence by which they seem to be accompanied to every reasonable test and to the keen and critical scrutiny of hundreds who have chosen to visit them, or whom they have been invited to visit. The rooms which they occupied at the hotel have been repeatedly searched and scrutinized ; they have been taken without an hour's notice into houses they had never before entered ; they have been unconsciously placed on a glass surface, concealed under the carpet in order to interrupt electrical vibrations ; they have been disrobed by a committee of ladies, appointed without notice, and insisting that neither of them should leave the room until the investigation had been made, etc. , etc. ; yet we believe no one to this moment pretends that he has detected either of them in producing or causing the 'rappings,' nor do we think any of their contemnors has invented a plausible theory to account for the production of these sounds, nor the singular intelligence which [certainly at times] has seemed to be manifested through them. Some ten or twelve days since they gave up their rooms at the hotel, and devoted the remainder of their sojourn here to visiting several families, to which they had been invited by persons interested in the subject, and subjecting the singular influence to a closer, calmer examination than could be given to it at an hotel, and before casual companies of strangers, drawn together by vague curiosity more than rational interest, or predetermined and invincible hostility. Our own dwelling was among those they thus visited, not only submitting to, but courting the fullest and keenest inquiry with regard to the alleged 'manifestations' from the spirit-world by which they were attended.

" We devoted what time we could spare from our duties, out of three days, to this subject ; and it would be the basest cowardice not to say that we are convinced beyond a doubt of their perfect integrity and good faith in the premises. Whatever may be the origin or cause of the 'rappings,' the ladies in whose presence they occur do not make them. We tested this thoroughly, and to our entire satisfaction."

In 1855 Canadian author Susanna Moodie [described a meeting](#) she had with Kate Fox, who Moodie describes as having the most beautiful eyes she ever saw, eyes of a dark purple color:

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"Miss F. [Kate Fox] told me to write a list of names of dead and living friends, but neither to read to her, nor to allow her to see them. I did this upon one side of a quire of paper, the whole thickness between her and me, writing with her back to me. She told me to run my pen along the list, and as a test the spirits would rap five times for every dead, and three times for every living, friend. I inwardly smiled at this. Yet strange to say, they never once missed."

Moodie [reports a name being spelled out by raps](#), apparently under the common system of this time by which the alphabet would be recited, and a letter would be written down whenever a mysterious rap occurred after a letter was named. The name spelled out (Anna Laura Harral) was someone whose name was unknown to Kate Fox, but who Moodie had made a compact with, under which either of the two people surviving death would try to communicate evidence of survival to the surviving person. Moodie [reports a wide variety of inexplicable sound phenomena](#) occurring around Kate Fox (as did quite a few distinguished authors), including sounds (combined with vibrations) coming from the dirt or rocks Moodie stood on. Moodie reports a piano playing by itself, soon after Kate Fox suggested that it would.

Moodie [reports asking](#) that the birth year and death year engraved under a ring Mr. Moodie was wearing be identified by the mysterious raps. The correct years were given, she says, as was her father's name and the date of his birth and death, and the place and cause of her father's death. Like countless other witnesses, she reports such questions were correctly answered, even though posed only mentally rather than orally.

In an 1861 book Benjamin Coleman gives [this remarkable account](#) of meeting Kate Fox:

"The rappings in her presence are very loud and precise. When I called on her one morning, the room resounded on all sides as if a host were giving me a joyous welcome. I asked if the spirits who were present would give me their names, and the names of Harry, Isabel, and Sylvester were spelt out, no names having been mentioned by me in Miss Fox's presence, and of course I and my family relations were wholly unknown to her. These were followed by other names of friends, spelt out in full, and one, a relative of my wife's said, 'Let me speak.' A message followed, of a specially significant and touching character, which I am precluded from giving, as it relates to private family affair; but I may mention that the tenor of the message is an actual apology offered for an assumed injustice done to me during her life-time, now 20 years ago."

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Alfred Russel Wallace (co-founder of the theory of evolution by natural selection) [stated this](#) about Kate Fox in 1874:

"Miss Kate Fox, the little girl of nine years old, who, as already stated, was the first 'medium' in the modern sense of the term, has continued to possess the same power for twenty-six years. At the very earliest stages of the movement, sceptic after sceptic, committee after committee, endeavoured to discover 'the trick'; but if it was a trick this little girl baffled them all, and the proverbial acuteness of the Yankee was of no avail. In 1860, when Dr. Robert Chambers visited America, he suggested to his friend, Robert Dale Owen, the use of a balance to test the lifting power. They accordingly, without pre-arrangement with the medium, took with them a powerful steelyard, and suspended from it a dining-table weighing 121 pounds. Then, under a bright gaslight, the feet of the two mediums (Miss Fox and her sister) being both touched by the feet of the gentlemen, and the hands of all present being held over but not touching the table, it was made lighter or heavier at request, so as to weigh at one time only 60, at another 134 pounds. This experiment, be it remembered, was identical with one proposed by Faraday himself as being conclusive. Mr. Owen had many sittings with Miss Fox for the purpose of test; and the precautions he took were extraordinary. He sat with her alone; he frequently changed the room without notice; he examined every article of furniture; he locked the doors and fastened them with strips of paper privately sealed; he held both the hands of the medium. Under these conditions various phenomena occurred, the most remarkable being the illumination of a piece of paper (which he had brought himself, cut of a peculiar size, and privately marked), showing a dark hand writing on the floor. The paper afterwards rose up on to the table with legible writing upon it, containing a promise which was subsequently verified. ('Debateable Land,' p. 293.)

But Miss Fox's powers were most remarkably shown in the séances with Mr. Livermore, a well-known New York banker, and an entire sceptic before commencing these experiments. These sittings were more than three hundred in number, extending over five years. They took place in four different houses (Mr. Livermore's and the medium's being both changed during this period), under tests of the most rigid description. The chief phenomenon was the appearance of a tangible, visible, and audible figure of Mr. Livermore's deceased wife, sometimes accompanied by a male figure, purporting to be Dr. Franklin. The former figure was often most distinct and absolutely life-like. It moved various objects in the room. It wrote messages on cards. It was sometimes formed out of a luminous cloud, and again vanished before the eyes of the witnesses. It allowed a

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portion of its dress to be cut off, which though at first of strong and apparently material gauzy texture, yet in a short time melted away and became invisible. Flowers which melted away were also given. These phenomena occurred best when Mr. L. and the medium were alone; but two witnesses were occasionally admitted, who tested everything and confirmed Mr. L.'s testimony. One of these was Mr. Livermore's physician, the other his brother-in-law ; the latter previously a sceptic. The details of these wonderful séances were published in the *Spiritual Magazine* in 1862 and 1863 ; and the more remarkable are given in Owen's ' *Debateable Land*,' from which work a good idea may be formed of the great variety of the phenomena that occurred and the stringent character of the tests employed. Miss Fox recently came to England, and here also her powers have been tested by a competent man of science, and found to be all that has been stated."

The scientist who Wallace refers to was William Crookes, not merely a "competent man of science" but one of the most accomplished physicists of his time, being the discover of the element thallium and inventor of the Crookes tube that was the technological ancestor of the television set. In the same year (1874) Crookes published his "Notes of an Enquiry Into the Phenomena Called Spiritual" in which he described various classes of inexplicable phenomena. Crookes listed as Class II "The Phenomena of Percussive and other Allied Sounds." Describing that class of phenomena [he stated this](#):

"The popular name of 'raps' conveys a very erroneous impression of this class of phenomena. At different times, during my experiments, I have heard delicate ticks, as with the point of a pin; a cascade of sharp sounds as from an induction coil in full work; detonations in the air; sharp metallic taps ; a cracking like that heard when a frictional machine is at work; sounds like scratching; the twittering as of a bird, &c.

These sounds are noticed with almost every medium, each having a special peculiarity; they are more varied with Mr. Home, **but for power and certainty I have met with no one who at all approached Miss Kate Fox.** For several months I enjoyed almost unlimited opportunity of testing the various phenomena occurring in the presence of this lady, and I especially examined the phenomena of these sounds. With mediums, generally, it is necessary to sit for a formal séance before anything is heard; but, in the case of Miss Fox it seems only necessary for her to place her hand on any substance for loud thuds to be heard in it, like a triple pulsation, sometimes loud enough to be heard several rooms off. In this manner I have heard them in a living tree—on a sheet of glass—on a stretched iron wire—on a stretched membrane—a tambourine—

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on the roof of a cab—and on the floor of a theatre. Moreover, actual contact is not always necessary; I have had these sounds proceeding from the floor, walls, &c., when the medium's hands and feet were held—when she was standing on a chair—when she was suspended in a swing from the ceiling—when she was enclosed in a wire cage—and when she had fallen fainting on a sofa. I have heard them on a glass harmonicon—I have felt them on my own shoulder and under my own hands. I have heard them on a sheet of paper, held between the fingers by a piece of thread passed through one corner. With a full knowledge of the numerous theories which have been started, chiefly in America, to explain these sounds, I have tested them in every way that I could devise, until there has been no escape from the conviction that they were true objective occurrences not produced by trickery or mechanical means.

An important question here forces itself upon the attention. Are the movements and sounds governed by intelligence? At a very early stage of the enquiry, it was seen that the power producing the phenomena was not merely a blind force, but was associated with or governed by intelligence: thus the sounds to which I have just alluded will be repeated a definite number of times, they will come loud or faint, and in different places at request; and by a pre-arranged code of signals, questions are answered, and messages given with more or less accuracy."

Wallace's account above refers to accounts in *The Spiritual Magazine* in 1862 and 1863. You can read some of those accounts [here](#) (pages 193 -201) and [here](#) (pages 260-264). We read of some dramatic phenomena, but as evidence the accounts are far inferior to the accounts involving the materialization seances of Florence Cook. The reason is that there are not multiple named witnesses. Conversely, the seances of Florence Cook were promptly described in the greatest detail for very many months by very many named witnesses, who quickly published their accounts, typically within weeks (as I describe in my posts [here](#) and [here](#)).

Wallace refers to the account of the Livermore seances with Kate Fox given by Robert Dale Owen in his book "The debatable land between this world and the next : with illustrative narrations." You can read the account by using the link [here](#) to access pages 483 and the next ten pages or so. On page 487 we have this narrative from Livermore of an event at a seance with Kate Fox:

"At last a luminous globe which had remained stationary some six feet to my left floated in front, and came within two feet of me. It was violently agitated, crackling sounds were heard, and a figure became visible by its light. Then there was revealed the

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full head and face of Estelle, every feature and lineament in perfection, spiritualized in shadowy beauty, such as no imagination can conceive or pen describe. In her hair, above the left temple, was a single white rose ; the hair being apparently arranged with great care. The entire head and face faded and then became visible again, at least twenty times ; the perfection of recognition, in each case, being in proportion to the brilliancy of the light."

The physicist William Crookes [gave this account](#) of a meeting with Kate Fox:

"I was sitting next to the medium, Miss Fox, the only other persons present being my wife and a lady relative, and I was holding the medium's two hands in one of mine, whilst her feet were resting on my feet. Paper was on the table before us, and my disengaged hand was holding a pencil. A luminous hand came down from the upper part of the room, and after hovering near me for a few seconds, took the pencil from my hand, rapidly wrote on a sheet of paper, threw the pencil down, and then rose up over our heads, gradually fading into darkness."

From such accounts above, you can get an idea of why a man like me might take it very seriously upon having a dream in which someone says, "Kate Fox wants to see you."



Kate Fox (later Kate Fox Jencken)

Postscript: The 1851 book "Pittsburgh and Allegheny Spirit Rappings" can be read [here](#). On [page 45](#) we have an account by William T. Coggshall dated June 6, 1851. It describes a meeting Coggshall had with Kate Fox on that date, June 6, 1851. We read of intelligent messages being received by raps, Coggshall describes a table in the room moving in mysterious ways -- away from him, and then towards him, with the movements sometimes being several feet, with Kate Fox being away from the table. Similar spooky movements occurred to a chair,

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according to Coggs Hall. He describes mysterious raps coming from quite a few different places in the room, We read this:

"Numerous raps were now heard on the table, upon the floor, on the legs of the table, upon the under side, on one of the chairs, and the scratchings were repeated while the raps were being heard with great force. Again the table was moved back and forth, and presently there was a call for lie alphabet, and the word 'Done' was spelled."

The account is corroborated by another witness, E. F. Norton, in a statement dated June 6, 1851. We have here several hallmarks of first-class observational evidence: a named witness giving first-hand testimony of what he saw on the day he wrote such testimony, with someone else corroborating his statements. The book is filled with similar testimonies, signed by named witnesses who date their statements.

The SSOC page on www.iapsop.com (<http://iapsop.com/ssoc/>) is a valuable resource for contemporaneous accounts involving figures such as Kate Fox. I am able to find the [an 1850 document by Dewey](#) that gives one of the earliest accounts of a meeting with Kate Fox, an account by C. W. Hammond. He describes getting communications under a tedious system in which the alphabet is recited, and mysterious raps are heard after particular letters were recited, with the corresponding letter being written down. When he refers to "the family" he means the three Fox sisters (including Kate Fox) and their mother. On page 27 of the document, C. W. Hammond states this in a letter to Dewey:

"In compliance with your solicitation, I will proceed to lay before you a brief statement of what has fallen under my observation, in regard to the 'mysterious sounds' and 'demonstrations,' purporting to be made by intelligent spirits, who once inhabited an earthly tabernacle....On my next visit I was much-more successful. During the interval I had prepared my mind with certain questions, touching events unknown to the family, and of a remote date. The sounds told me my age precisely, though my appearance is such as to indicate a difference of eight or ten years. The names of six of my nearest deceased relatives were given me. I then inquired, 'Will the spirit, who now makes these sounds, give me its name?' Five sounds directed me to the alphabet, which I repeated until the name of 'Charles' appeared, which answered to an infant child whom we consigned to the grave in March, 1843. To my inquiries, it gave me a true answer in regard to the time it had been in the spirit-land, and also the period since my eldest sister's death, which was nearly eighteen years, the latter fact

·not being recollected then, I found true by dates on my return home. Many other test questions were correctly answered; and yet, notwithstanding . the origin of these sounds seemed inexplicable, I was inclined to impute them to mesmerism or clairvoyance. However, as the spirit promised to satisfy me by other demonstrations when I came again, I patiently awaited the opportunity.

On the third visit, I was selected from a halfdozen gentlemen, and directed by these sounds to retire to another room, in company with the ' three sisters' and their aged mother. It was about eight o'clock in the evening. A lighted candle was placed on a large table, and we seated ourselves around it. I occupied one side of the table, the mother and the youngest daughter the right, and two of the sisters the left, leaving the opposite side of the table vacant. On taking our positions the sounds were heard, and continued to multiply and become more violent until every part of the room trembled with their demonstrations. They were unlike any I had heard before. Suddenly, as we were all resting on the table, I felt the side next to me move upward. I pressed upon it heavily, but soon it passed out of the reach of us all, full six feet from me, and at least four from the nearest person to it. I saw distinctly its position ; not a thread could have connected it with any of the company without my notice, for I had come to detect imposition, if it could be found. In this position we were situated, when the question was asked, ' Will the spirit move the table back where it was before V — and back it came, as though it were carried on the head of some one, who had not suited his position to a perfect equipoise, the balance being sometimes in favor of one side and then the other. But it regained its first position. In the meantime the ' demonstrations' grew louder and louder. The family commenced and sung the ' Spirit's song,' and several other pieces of sacred music, during which, accurate time was marked on the table, causing it to vibrate; a transparent hand, resembling a shadow, presented itself before my face ; I felt fingers taking hold of a lock of my hair on the left side of my head, causing an inclination of several inches; then a cold, death-like hand was drawn designedly over my face ; three gentle raps on my left knee ; my right limb forcibly pulled up, against strong resistance, under the table ; a violent shaking, as though two hands were applied to my shoulders ; myself and chair uplifted and moved back a few inches ; and several slaps, as with a hand, on the side of my head, which were repeated on each one of the company, more rapidly than I could count. During these manifestations, a piece of pasteboard, nearly a foot square, was swung with such velocity before us as to throw a strong current of air in our faces ; a paper curtain attached to one of the windows was rolled up and unrolled twice ; a lounge, immediately behind me, was

shaken violently ; two small drawers in a bureau played back and forth with inconceivable rapidity ; a sound resembling a man sawing boards, and planing them, was heard under the table ; a common spinning-wheel seemed to be in motion, making a very natural buzz of the spindle ; a reel articulated each knot wound upon it ; while the sound of a rocking cradle indicated maternal care for the infant's slumbers These were among many other demonstrations which I witnessed that evening, amid which I felt a perfect self-possession, and in no instance the slightest embarrassment, except a momentary chill when the cold hand was applied to my face, similar to a sensation I have realized when touching a dead body. That any of the company could have performed these things, under the circumstances in which we were situated, would require a greater stretch of credulity on my part than it would be to believe it was the work of spirits. It could not, by any possibility, have been done by them, nor even attempted, without detection. And I may add, that, near the close of the demonstrations at this visit, there was a vibration of the floor, as though several tons in weight had been uplifted, and suddenly fallen again upon it. This caused everything in the room to shake most violently for several minutes, when the force was withdrawn.

I have also tested the intelligence of these spirits in every way my ingenuity could invent. On one occasion, I wrote a word on a slip of paper privately, placed it in my wallet, went there, and the sounds, through the alphabet, spelled that word correctly as I had written it. That word was ' Sybil.'

On the 29th of February, inst., the two youngest sisters made my family a visit. Here the sounds were heard — questions involving subjects wholly unknown to them were answered — a large, heavy dining-table was moved several times — and, on expressing thanks at the table to the Giver of all Good, some six or eight sounds responded to every sentence I uttered, by making loud and distinct sounds in various parts of the room.

Yours, truly,

C. Hammond.

Rochester, Feb. '22, 1850."

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[Old Newspaper Articles Describing Near-Death Experiences](#)

Near-death experiences first started to become well-known around 1975, with the popularity of Raymond Moody's book on the concept (entitled *Life After Life*). But we have very good reason to believe that such experiences have been a fact of human experience long before Moody's book. In my posts below I document near-death experiences dating from long before 1975:

[Near-Death High-Speed Life Reviews From Before 1950](#)

[An Early Veridical Near-Death Experience](#)

[Out-of-Body Experiences and Near-Death Experiences Long Before 1975](#)

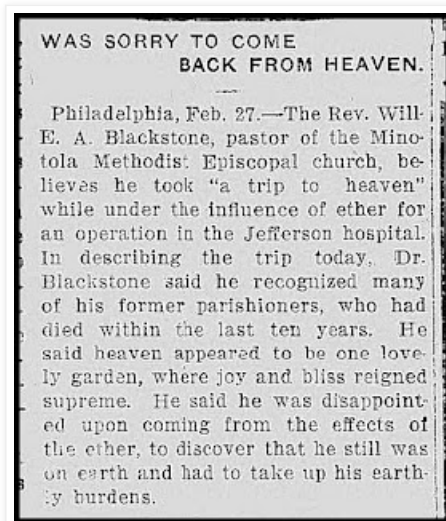
[The Evidence for Out-of-Body Experiences](#)

[Two More Near-Death Experiences of the Nineteenth Century](#)

[Four Near-Death Experiences of the Nineteenth Century](#)

Let us look at some more cases of near-death experiences or out-of-body experiences dating from long before 1975, and in this post rather than quoting text I will be giving images from old newspapers. The Chronicling America web site makes it very easy to search the text of old newspapers, but once you've found a story, there's no easy way to copy text from the story. So I'll have to use images instead.

The story below appeared in 1911:



The story appeared on the page you can read here:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84020630/1911-02-27/ed-1/seq-8/>

Methodist ministers of the time typically believed in the doctrine of the Resurrection, that the dead were silent and lifeless, waiting for some future Judgment Day, in which they would all be resurrected. So this account of seeing deceased parishioners alive in an afterlife is not an account in which a Methodist minister saw what he expected to see.

The story below appeared in 1915, and involved a young girl who clearly was very close to death. We can't be sure whether the being identified as God by the girl was a supreme being or perhaps some other supernatural entity or paranormal entity the girl identified as God. Clicking on the image may allow you to read the text more carefully:



The newspaper page with the story can be read using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/97071090/1915-05-14/ed-1/seq-4/>

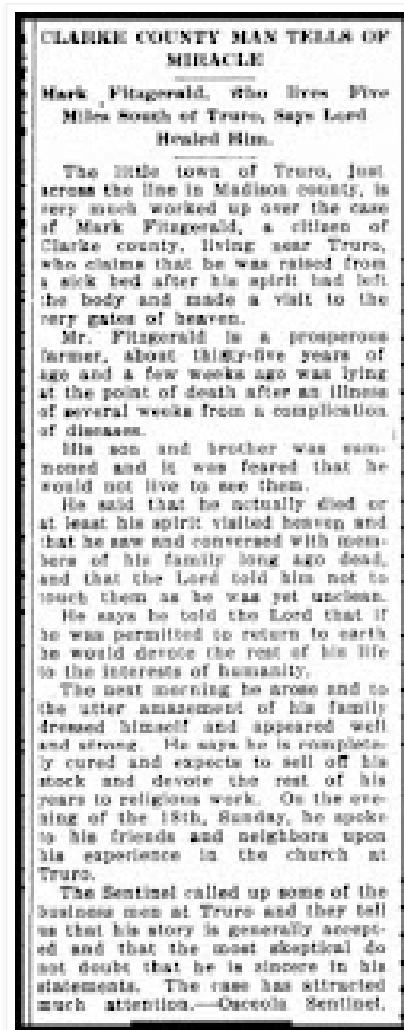
Below from 1907 we have the remarkable story of Eula Wilson, a blind or nearly-blind young girl who recovered from a death-like state that no one nearby thought she would recover from. She reports a near-death experience (click on the image if you have trouble reading the text):



You can read the full account below, which includes additional text not shown above. The full account gives us the additional very interesting detail that the child was blind in one eye before her near-death experience, but reportedly had perfect vision after the experience.

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn97070124/1907-06-22/ed-1/seq-1/>

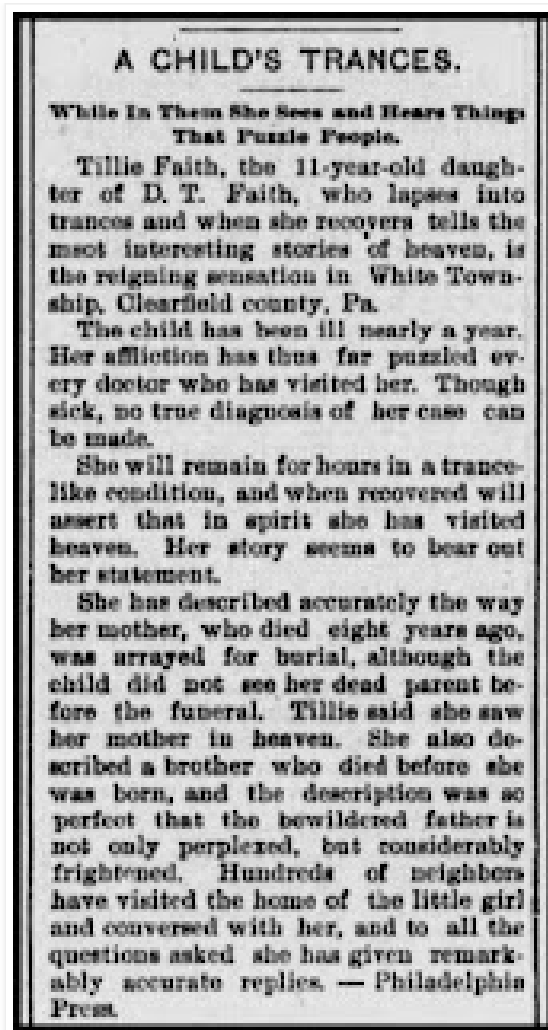
A similar story is told by a man in the 1911 story below. When we get accounts of seeing God or "the Lord" in such accounts, they may be guesses about mysterious powerful-seeming figures seen. Click on the image if you have trouble reading the text.



The story can be read on its original newspaper page using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87057096/1911-01-05/ed-1/seq-3/>

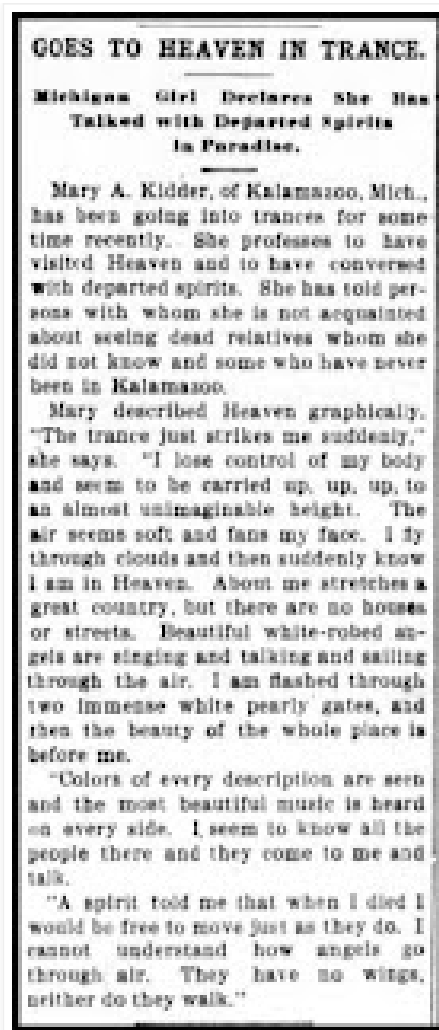
The 1897 account below also involves trances in a young girl, apparently trances occurring in a state near death. We have some interesting evidence cited suggesting that more than mere imagination is involved:



You can read the account on its original news page using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn92064073/1897-05-27/ed-1/seq-6/>

The 1903 account below involving Mary A. Kidder is of possible interest in this context, although it merely mentions trances rather than a state near death. I include it because it rather tends to corroborate the account above, both involving reported trips to heaven during trances:

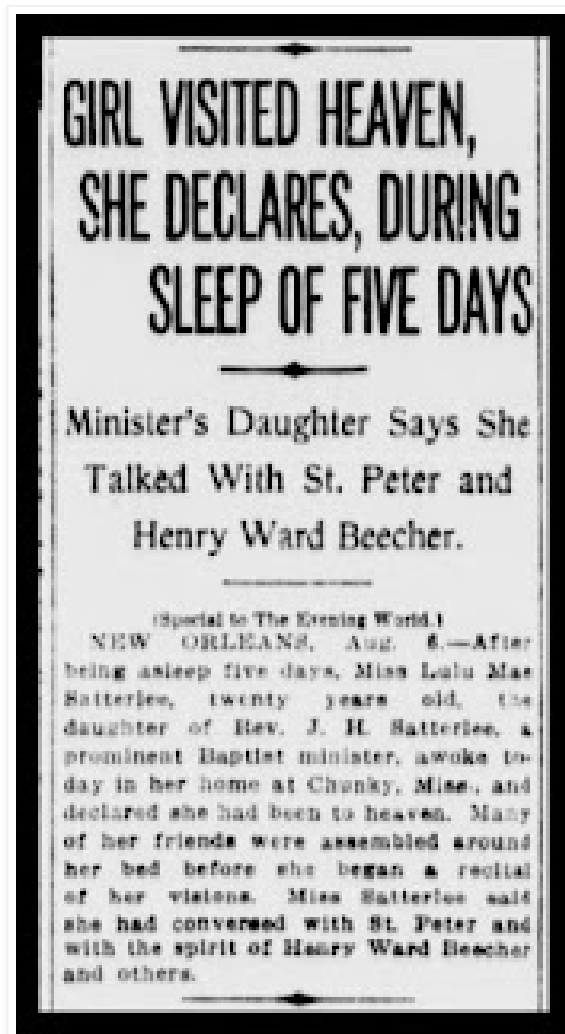


You can read the account using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84024827/1903-12-02/ed-1/seq-1/>

I find it interesting that the child reports what she calls angels moving through the air, although she says "they have no wings," telling us something different from what a child might tell based on traditional images of heaven and angels.

We may presume that the 1912 account below refers to a girl who was close to death, as the account reports that the vision occurred while the girl slept for five days:



The reference to Henry Ward Beecher refers to a preacher who died in 1887. You can read the account using the link below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83030193/1912-08-06/ed-1/seq-1/>

Another story that seems like an early account of a near-death experience is the 1897 one below:

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn91068084/1897-02-26/ed-1/seq-1/>

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